

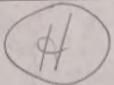
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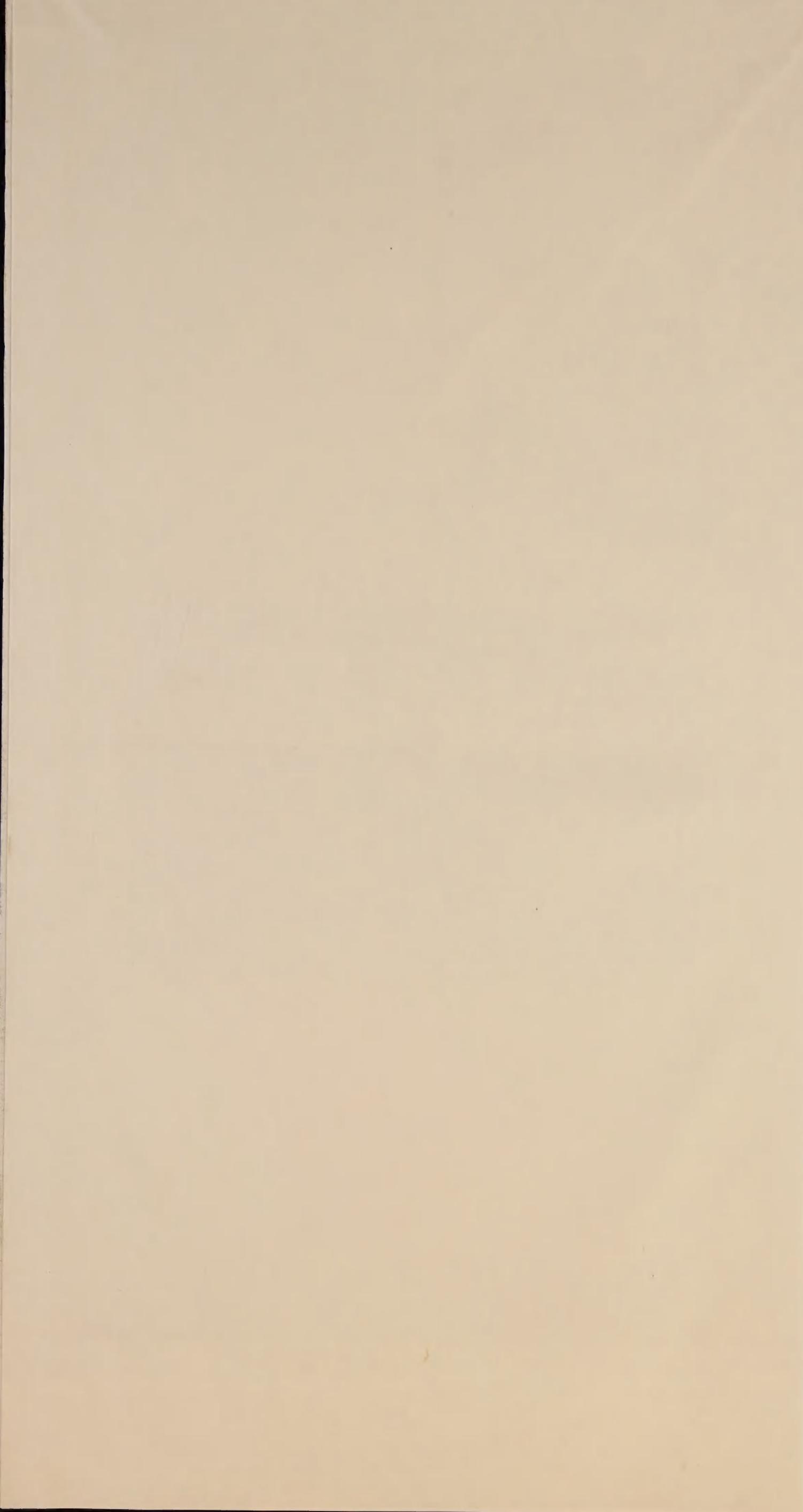
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CALLING ALL STUDENTS! New principle Dave Schnelker would like to become more involved with the student body at North Side. Part of his new plan includes monthly pizza lunches for students to encourage extra curricular activities. He wants to get student input on issues around North Side.

Photo by: Tiffany Warren

Changes being made to encompass West Nile

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

During a relaxing weekend at the lake never seemed so harmful, until the West Nile Virus invaded the Tri-State area.

During this time last year, no one would have suspected that a tiny, annoying, red mound on the skin could be so harmful. In point of fact, last year the illness had only been detected in around a dozen species of birds. However, now it has been detected in over one hundred eleven species of birds ranging from Bald Eagles to Red Tailed Hawks and Great horned owls.

Greg Ludwiski, junior, said, "I found a dead bird. It's heartbreaking to see poor animals die."

The unstoppable virus does not choose its target or victim. When first discovered the disease was believed to only strike the young and the elderly. Despite this, the disease now has been striking victims of all ages. The age of sufferers ranges from nine months to ninety-nine years old. Ludwiski,

"I think I have West Nile, because I've woken up the last

three days with a headache."

With one thousand patients inflicted nationwide, twenty-eight people throughout the state have tested positive for the ailment. Ten of the twenty-eight within the state were in Allen County. Of those affected many around the country

a decision like this will affect the Fort Wayne Community Schools district is undetermined at this time. On the other hand, the EACS came to their verdict as a way to prevent unnecessary mosquito bites that could possibly cause an unwanted transmission of the virus.

West Nile is not contagious from one person to another person. However, it is contagious if an infected bird is handled whether dead or alive. According to avoid direct transmission from dead animals, hats could possibly be unhygienic, the animals should not be held with bare hands.

Even though there is no specific vaccine, there are treatments. Methods of treatment include hospitalization, intravenous fluid (IV), and the prevention of infections.

The best way of preventing infectious mosquito bites is to steer clear of unneeded outdoor activities, but if that is not satisfactory, use a mosquito repellent. Reapplication may be necessary if the outdoor activity is for a prolonged period of time. Ludwiski said,

"I am fearful [of West Nile]. It could kill me, and once you're dead you're dead."

were seriously poor in health.

Furthermore, it is believed that as time goes by, more cases will continue to develop. That will cause the syndrome to reach its peak near mid to late September.

Due to the seriousness of the virus, school boards have questioned the safety of outdoor activities. East Allen County Schools (EACS) came to the agreement that for the safety of athletes games and practices should no longer be held between dusk and dawn. Whether

and more security officers throughout every airport. Security staff paid more attention to metal detectors and checked carry-ons and luggage thoroughly. Shortly after the attacks, more than sixty-five items from toy weapons to pool cues, were prohibited from aircraft cabins by the FAA.

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Not too many people got on an airplane for months after the attack, but now the fear seems to be dying down a little with more people beginning to fly again. Unfortunately, those months of passenger's fear have cost the airlines plenty. Many of the major air travel companies are worried that they will have to file bankruptcy.

Another issue after the attack was instances of discrimination against those of Arabic nationality. They were being treated unfairly because

cause of crimes that a terrorist group committed. Now that everyone has cooled off from last year, most have begun to see that not every Arabic person is the same as those involved in terrorist groups.

As the one-year anniversary of the attacks approached, people were selling 9/11 T-shirts and other memorabilia. Charities continued taking donations. On September 11, 2002, victim memorials were offered within each person's community for anyone to attend to remember the loss of lives and the heroism so many Americans showed during and after the terrorist attacks.

Even though a year has passed by, the victim's families and the survivors have tried to forget the unforgettable.

The U.S. has offered a reward of up to \$25 million leading to the apprehension of Osama bin Laden.

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Schnelker becomes North Side's new top dog

Katie Klein
Reporter

New Principal David

Schnelker is here, and he is ready for some changes. David Schnelker, Principle, wants there to be monthly pizza lunches based on clubs, athletics, and students' gen-

eral, he also wants for the students' to give input on what they like and what they don't like. Schnelker said,

"I want the students' to be more involved in sports and extracurricular activities."

Schnelker also wants the scheduling to be different, so that the students' get the classes they want instead of the classes just being put into their schedule. The students' should be able to decide whether they want a certain class or not. It's up to them to choose their classes. Schnelker said,

"I don't want to see too many students' in the auditorium during the first week of school."

Schnelker has a lot of teaching experience, he was the principal at Elmhurst, he was an administrative assistant, and he was also a college dean at Ivy Tech. He has also been a teacher in California. He had an opportunity to transfer here. Schnelker said,

"When I was given the opportunity to work here, I was honored because I have heard so many wonderful things about North Side."

Whitman named Teen Ink's educator of the year

Sonia Biberstine
Reporter

While flipping through the pages of a *Teen Ink* magazine last school year, junior Diana Flores got an idea that would later surprise English Teacher, Rita Whitman.

Teen Ink magazine provides teenagers with the chance to nominate the teacher who has been the most inspirational for the Educator of the Year award.

To nominate such a teacher, a teenager selects a teacher who teaches at a junior or senior high school. The entry

must include a two hundred to one thousand word essay and a picture of the teacher.

Shortly before winter vacation 2001, Flores sent a two hundred-word essay with a picture of her and Whitman to the magazine nominating Whitman for Educator of the Year.

"She, as a teacher and a friend, opened my eyes and taught me writing skills," said Flores.

On June 7, Whitman received an envelope in her mailbox at school.

"It looked like junk mail. In fact, I almost threw it away," said

Whitman.

The envelope contained two certificates, one for Flores and one for Whitman, a copy of the magazine, and a hundred dollar check for Whitman. The hundred-dollar check went toward the purchase of a piece of exercise equipment called the Fitness Quest Gazzelle Glider.

"I love it. It doesn't even feel like I'm exercising," said Whitman.

Whitman is not the only teacher to receive an award. Nita Auer, Physical Education Teacher, has also been named the Teacher of the Year.

Plenty new for fall 2002

Tiffany Warren
Reporter

Staring down the empty hallways trying to figure out where a certain class was located was a lot easier to figure out before the first day began.

Veteran North Side goers, teachers and students, were busy the first day directing terrified freshman to the classes.

It seemed as though every freshman either toured the school before it started or paid the price by ending up lost and confused. Not only that but embarrassment also set in when they had to ask an upperclassmen or even a teacher to help them find their way.

But don't think freshmen were the only ones lost in bewilderment. Upperclassmen have also experienced a lot of confusion with the immense number of new students, teachers, and new books.

However, these lost individuals have a lot to offer North Side both academically and athletically.

The newest edition that affects the entire North Side congregation most dramatically would be David Schnelker, the new Principal. Schnelker is a great addition to the North Side family. All throughout his high school career in the New Haven area he always kept his eye on North Side. Schnelker said,

"I always wanted to be associated with North Side. It

just has such a strong sense of history and background that makes you want to be a part of it."

Take Spencer Rienking for example. Spencer Rienking, freshman, stands a towering 6'2" at the mere age of fifteen and plans on being a great addition to the basketball team, and is currently on the soccer team. But sports are not the only thing Rienking tries to be good at.

Rienking said, "I try to keep good grades, because that matters to me too."

There are plenty of new students at North Side this year, but there are also several new staff members. Another new edition is Lowell Griffin, manufacturing press electronics and computers. He has taught this subject to college students for ten years but decided to teach at the high school level this year. He said,

"It's more fun working with young adults, because they keep me young."

Griffin said he promises exciting experiments associated with the growing technology field.

Literature and Drama classes were also given something new. The books are still a big issue for the teachers. All summer, teachers were busy reading and getting new ideas for their teaching format. The only teachers who got a say so in the type of books they received were the ones who were on the Textbook Adoption Committee.

Freshmen Teacher, Jennifer Neel, who teaches Lan-

guage lab and the Word Processing Block, is very happy with the new textbooks. Neel said,

"The old books were just ancient, boring, and not appealing to students."

Neel said that the new Literature textbooks are easier for students to comprehend and better for teachers to teach. Neel said that the new Literature textbooks are easier for students to comprehend and better for teachers to teach. Neel said that the Basic English books are very clear and go in clear steps from one to another.

While there are those who are pleased with the new material one hundred percent, there are those who have a slightly different opinion. Claryn Myers, Drama Teacher, leaned more towards the old books. It was not the appearance that Myers was concerned about. Myers said,

"It makes it harder for the students to learn the material when they have to jump from chapter to chapter."

Every six years teachers must select new textbooks. Myers said that she would have liked to use the other books, but they are now being used at the middle school level. In Myers' beginning drama classes, she is forced to use only one third of the book and the other two thirds is used for her advanced classes.

North Side has gotten a lot of new editions from principals to books. All have both a good side and a bad side. Acknowledging both sides will help make everyone feel as though they belong, and in turn this will probably make for a better school year.

Start
of a
new
beginning



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Hey, boys and girls, can you believe it? We are already five weeks into the new school year! It is craziness!

Oh, by the way, let me introduce myself. My name is Ashley Alfeld, and I am the new Editor-in-Chief of *The Northerner* or as I like to call myself, I am the Head Hancho of *The Northerner*. Having already been a student at North Side for three years, I thought I had already seen it all and nothing could surprise me... boy, was I wrong!

I figured senior year would be a breeze, and I could just coast on by. Well, that is definitely not the case. Between massive amounts of school work, a job, family problems, and all the drama between my friends, my head is spinning 24-hours a day. It seems that this year, everything seems to be happening in such a hurry, and it is hard to decide what to do. I think everyone can relate, no matter who they are, is going through some sort of trouble or stress right now. Trust me, I know where you are coming from. Because I know how it feels, I would like to leave you with some advice. You can use it if you like, or ignore me for being a psycho; it is entirely up to you. Here are a few things you might keep in mind to help you have a more enjoyable school year:

1. Do not get angry or upset over trivial things.

2. Do not put anything off for tomorrow when you can do it today.

3. Treat others as you would want to be treated.

4. Learn to forgive. Holding grudges will end up hurting you in the end.

5. Be responsible but also live life to the fullest. Like one song says: "Don't worry, be happy!"

You can take or leave this advice, but no matter what you do, I would just like to wish everyone a great school year. Have fun, be responsible, and go crazy!



PUSHING AND SHOVING, students try to make their way to class. After the sudden import of new students, the hallways of school seem to be twice as crowded as normal.

Photo by: Diana Flores

No room for students

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

School population here has skyrocketed from last year due to new students from other home schools and different nationalities. From crowded hallways to long-lasting lunch, lines students got through the first hectic days of back to school.

Last year's estimated student count was approximately 1,300. During summer vacation and the first two days of school, the population raised to 1,495 students. School population may not be such a huge problem for some, but actually the population does not only affects the school, but it also affects the staff and students who attend here. The number of students in each classroom has expanded since last year which means it will be more difficult for teachers to give the students the attention they need as well as help them with classroom work.

Salome Anthony, Registrar, who keeps track of every student who enrolls within the school estimates that the population might lower within the first few months of school. Staff members seem to have a great interest in the school population and how it affects the school.

"Certain parts of the build-

ing, like on the second floor where students meet in the morning, seem to be very overcrowded," said Betsy Roth, Teaching Assistant.

Roth also has noticed a change in the number of students in the classroom this year from last year. She thinks it is great that our school has more students, especially those who are interested in attending here. Her biggest hopes for North Side is that it grows together not just as a faculty and young adults but also as a great community with outstanding school spirit. Although staff members have a good perspective on the population, some students may not.

Junior, Fadil Masri, has a different idea about the population. He agrees that the population has grown, and his classes have greatly expanded since last year.

"It's a lot more complicated to get from class to class due to overpacked hallways," aid Masri. With the school population raising, it can bring a new and great improvement for the school and all its members. Making the best out of this will make us stronger and wiser. Show others that Redskin spirit will continue to live on.

Homework help hotline

For many students, math and science are the most challenging subject areas. And for these students, difficult math and science homework questions can be frustrating.

Fortunately, there's a free telephone tutoring service—Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Homework Hotline. A toll-free telephone tutoring service, the Homework Hotline helps Indiana middle and high school students better understand math and science concepts and improve their problem solving skills.

Starting in September, the Homework Hotline is open through May for students in grades 6-12 who needed math or science homework help. Students may call the Homework Hotline 1-877-ASK-ROSE from 7p.m. to 10p.m., Sunday through Thursday. If a student calls when the Homework Hotline is closed, the student may leave a message and a tutor will call back when the Homework Hotline re-opens.

The Homework Hotline tutors are Rose-Hulman college students specially chosen and trained to work with middle and high school students. Tutors can help students of all academic levels and have access to math and science textbooks used in Indiana. The Homework Hotline tutors guide students in learning more about a subject, but do not do the work for them. Instead,

tutors help students arrive at the correct solution. Last year, tutors answered more than 10,300 calls. Nearly 80 percent of the calls were from students needing help with math homework.

Students who call the Homework Hotline will be asked to give only their first name and the name of their school. They should have the following items handy before calling the Homework Hotline.

- * Homework assignment
- * Textbook (if available)
- * Paper
- * Pen or pencil
- * Calculator (if needed)

Students may also access the Homework Hotline Web site at www.askrose.org. The site offers free educational resources and helpful educational links. Students can post math and science questions on the web site and a tutor will respond during the Hotline's hours of operation.

So the next time math or science homework is a problem, don't worry! Math and science homework help is just a phone call or mouse click away at toll-free 1-877-ASK-ROSE or www.askrose.org.

The Homework Hotline is sponsored by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Lilly Endowment, Inc. and 3M corporation.

ON THE DOWN LOW...

With Diana Flores
What would you ask the 8 ball?

Senior



Russel Cambell

"Will I get a new car?"

Junior



Katie Novel

"Will we win at homecoming?"
Sophomore



Melissa Simerman

"Will I die before I am 20 years old?"

Freshman



Chris Hienz

"Am I afraid of aluminum foil?"

Hoppin' new teen hangouts

Christina Lauer
Social Director

Boldly lit cars and shiny rims brighten the parking lot of Subway as teens sip on soda and reminisce about their cars and life.

Some people hang out at coffee shops; others hang out at hip-hoppin' dance clubs. Seniors Daniel Quinones, Josh Roseberry, and North Side graduate Dave McLaughlin wanted to find an in between. Another member who attended, with deep blue eyes and a sluggish grin, said,

"A place where we can show off our cars and hang with our boys."

Even though a souped-up car with golden rims and silky smooth paint is valued at this hang out, these teens welcome anyone who wants to join them. A nice car is not a

necessity. McLaughlin towers over six-feet tall as he shows off the unique tattoo on his forearm that displays his last name in bright

green, yellow and red colors with a muscular Irish man framed on top of the writing. He said with rosy cheeks and a deep chuckle,



CHATTIN' AND CHILLIN' with North Side graduate Dave McLaughlin and his "homies" chill outside of subway, as they check out the sporty cars that glide past on the busy Coliseum Boulevard.

Photo by: Christina Lauer

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Up with hope down with dope

Tiffany Warren
Reporter

Stepping into a batters box, instantly makes a vulnerable target for an 88 mph fastball, and there is no way to know for sure whether or not the pitcher on the mound is in his full mental state. This is a major concern for many people.

Marijuana is the most common drug used by today's teens. Side effects of this drug can cause feelings and actions that are different than they way a person would normally.

Just recently, on June 27, the Supreme Court ruled that high schools students involved in after school activities can now be randomly tested for drugs. The vote was five-to-four.

This means that now drug tests can be issued for anyone from a member of the debate team to the football team. These tests, however, may not be issued by school officials to anyone who does not wish to participate in extracurricular activities.

Chrissy Michels, senior, said that she thinks that the testing is an invasion of privacy. But she also thinks that what goes for one must go for all. Michels said,

"If you are going to test someone, then you need to test everyone else. It's not fair to students to just single out certain groups of people."

Controversy also surrounds the fact that the testing was only issued for students. Many feel as though the administration is being overlooked. Laura Kolkman, senior, is all for the drug testing, but also agrees it should go for everyone including administration.

"I don't think it's right that only students are being tested," said Kolkman, "because there are a lot of teachers that do it, too."

But school officials are not the only people who can recommend that testing be

done.

Parents are now allowed to request their children be tested.

The plan allows parents to request hair samples be taken from their children at school but in their parent's presence. The strands are then sent to an independent lab for testing.

The results of the test are then given to the parents. The test is able to detect marijuana, cocaine, opiates including heroin, methamphetamines, ecstasy and PCP use for the previous 90 days. Parents are allowed to keep their child's results confidential; however, they may also be turned over to school officials with the parent's consent.

If parents were to reveal positive test results to school officials, the students would then

be subjected to the same consequences as any found to have used drugs. Consequences could include suspension, expulsion, or even notifying police or court officials.

Bruce Miller, Baseball Coach and Math Teacher, thinks that this plan will work. Miller said,

"The numerical value will definitely go down. Kids are going to be scared that they're going to show up positive."

But Kolkman does not think this plan is going to make that big of a difference. Kolkman said,

"Idiots will be idiots; you can't change that."

Whether or not this plan will work, people have and always will have a difference in opinion; there will always be a positive side as well as a negative. But this is not the issue. The law has been passed, and only time will tell how well it works. SEE OPINIONPAGE!!

Insinuate true fate

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Fate, destiny, omens, and signs, do they really exist in this theoretically correct world, or maybe they are just beliefs made up by some anonymous, overactive imagination.

Students and staff in many ways have defined fate. To some, it is finding that one perfect person whom you are to spend the rest of your life with. To others, such as junior, Julian Powell, fate

is simply...

"...what's naturally going to be and what can't be stopped."

"I believe that everybody has a purpose, but everyone's time comes at a different stage in their life," said senior, Mike Kelly.

Not all students like to call such a phenomenon fate.

"I believe things happen for a reason, but I don't like to call it 'fate,'" said sophomore, Kaitlin Shawgo.

There are also different beliefs on who or what controls one's fate or destiny. Many students be-

lieve that their god decides their path of life. Powell, however, feels that nothing controls it.

"It just is, basically," said Powell.

What type of occurrences do students feel is directly related to fate?

Kelly was thinking about getting more involved in his church. Later that day a member of the church called and asked him to help. Kelly feels this was both an act of fate and a sign of where he is supposed to go in the future.

Though people view it differently, everyone seems to agree that fate exists.

Two notebooks and a pencil



Chrissy Robinson
Columnist

Once upon a time the school newspaper requested I write a humorous column. The following is a failed attempt at being funny.

This first issue will be a "get to know your columnist" session. Not that anyone cares or anything. There are probably feelings of confusion and intimidation, sitting in Homeroom, skimming through the paper with all its WORDS. Do they not know this is high school, and there are much better things to do than read stupid WORDS? Sheesh.

Coming from a very large family of ten, is, well, very trying. It's sort of a "Brady Bunch" meets "The Osbournes" "True Life: I'm a serial killer." Only at night when all are asleep is there truly peace and serenity. Even then we are prone to reaching across the bed that is shared between all and having a good tug at each other's hair.

Of the eight children, there lie the two-year-old twins. For any who lack toddlers in the vicinity get up right now, take a trip to a holy place and thank whomever necessary that your parents are too old and have no desire to have more children. The babies have recently learned how to crawl out of their cribs, but that problem was put to a stop with the installation of a chain lock on the door. Now, when entering the room in the morning to free them from their confinement, they also receive an abrupt start when they are hit with the door that they fell asleep against.

Another activity that is linked to me is the soap opera known as Marching Band. If ever someone decided to make this action-packed drama-filled thriller into a movie, they might just find themselves "all about the Benjamins" and subject to critical acclaim. It is not just about the marching, it is about the personalities and relationships behind the scenes. The bus rides are full of "Did you see how high his toes were?" and "Oh my gosh, these two are SO great for each other! They're the CUTEST couple of all the couples in band!" It just leaves feelings of whether to laugh hysterically at all the melodramatic happenings or to jump out of the back escape door to get away from it all. It is truly sickening and overwhelming.

By now, there may be some thinking they know what torture is. Just remember, there are nine more issues to prove them wrong.

Summer tops or mediocre flops

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Sunshine, hot weather, and movies were highly hyped for the summer season. Movies are part of the summer's pleasure during the months of May, June, July, and August. Movies like "Austin Powers in Gold Member," "Men in Black 2," "Triple X," and "Scooby-Doo" were some of the big box office smashes this summer.

Even though several of these movies took in millions of dollars in a matter of days, they received disagreement among critics. "Scooby-Doo" and "Eight Legged Freaks" were in the ranks with the many other movies that acquired disgraceful reviews from critics. "Scooby-Doo" racked in large audiences and big bucks, but "Eight-Legged Freaks" received shabby reviews and extremely small audiences. Scoby-Doo may have not been big with critics, but it was an enjoyable family film. It was something that people can watch with their children. Yet, the film's stars Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar appealed to the older teen audiences, so the audiences attending were of many different ages.

"Austin Powers" second sequel and "Triple X" were two of the most highly anticipated films of the summer. I feel that

the Austin Powers' third installment was a hilarious replay of the last two films. The movie was funny but lacked originality. It was like watching an instant replay of the first two films. They reused jokes and the same character traits almost exactly. The celebrity cameos were impressive because of the many big names; these included Gweneth Paltrow, Tom Cruise, John Travolta, and Britney Spears. The entourage of famous folk added a little some-

thing to the film that was not brought by the overused punch lines.

One of the most underestimated movies was "Halloween Resurrection." It was quite an imaginative film for being the eighth in the Michael Myers series. This was also one of the very few horror movies on the list of summer releases.

"Triple X" is a movie with action. If any viewers were looking for a thrill ride (or if there were any ladies who

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6:00PM-Var/Res G Volleyball vs. Elmhurst (North Side/Main Gym)
6:30PM-V B Soccer vs. Elmhurst (North Side/Chambers Field)

Thursday, Sep. 26

4:00PM-Var/Res B Tennis vs. Wayne (North Side Park)

4:30PM-V B Soccer vs. Dekalb (North Side/Chambers Field)
6:30PM-Freshman Football vs. Concordia (North Side/Chambers Field)

Tuesday, Oct. 1

6:00PM-Freshman G Volleyball vs. Luers (North Side/Stadium Gym)

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6:30PM-V G Soccer vs. Dwenger (North Side/Chambers Field)

Thursday, Oct. 3

6:30PM-Freshman Football vs. Wayne (North Side/Chambers Field)

Friday, Oct. 4

7:00PM-V Football vs. Luers/SR Night (North Side/Chambers Field)

Tuesday, Oct. 8

4:30PM-Reserve B Soccer vs. Concordia (Chambers Field)
6:30PM-V B Soccer vs. Concordia (Chambers Field)

Thursday, Oct. 10

4:00PM-Var/Res B/G X-Country S.A.C. Meet (IPFW)

6:00PM-Freshman G Volleyball vs. Snider (N.S. Stadium Gym)
6:00PM-Vas/Res G Volleyball vs. Snider (N.S. Main Gym)

Friday, Oct. 11

7:00PM-V Football vs. South Side/HCMG (Chambers Field)

Monday, Oct. 14
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Wednesday, Oct. 16

6:00PM- Freshman G Volleyball vs. Adams Central (N.S. Stadium Gym)

6:00PM-Var/Res G Volleyball vs. Adams Central (N.S. Main Gym)



WINDING UP FOR the hit, Senior, Bryon Kraus works on his serve during a practice after school. This year Kraus is the guys number one single for varsity.

Photo by: Paul Short

Tennis heats up the season

Paul Short
Sports Editor

newcomer and junior, James Nichter said.

"I want to win at least five games, improve my serve, and hopefully to stay on varsity."

Senior Bryon Kraus said,

"I want to do my best and make my opponent work his hardest. Hopefully we get a couple of wins, and hopefully we make it past sectionals."

During their conditioning time, the tennis team did not look like a very big team as they only had a few amount of players come out. As the season practices began, eventually there were more of them, and now they almost have a full team. Day in and day out, the team practices everything: serves, groundstrokes, volleys, overheads, lobs. They even play matches against each other. They should be ready for a good and exciting season. With tough season ahead and nothing to lose, all they can do now is get better every day.

A late summer's heat, with the sun blaring down on them and sweat rolling down their faces means it is time to get ready for the season as the men's tennis team practices hard during conditioning.

As they practice at North Side Park everyday after school conditioning is only the beginning. Even though it is only a week long, they still practice hard to get in good shape to survive the season. As they work through the end of summer, they prepare mentally and physically to start their season off. While this season's newcomers train to get the basics down, the senior players give pointers to the new members and still strive to become better than they were last year. With only three seniors on the team, North Side's tennis team is still a young team.

The team has some goals that they would like to reach before the season is over,

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College board announces new SAT

New York — The Trustees of the College Board recently voted unanimously to develop a new SAT I. The changes, announced by College Board President Gaston Caperton, follow consultation with College Board members, including university presidents, admissions directors, high school guidance counselors, and teachers, as well as high school students. The first administration of the new SAT I will take place in March of 2005, affecting the class of 2006. Until then, the current test will be used.

"The current SAT I is the most rigorously and well-researched test in the world, and the new SAT I will only improve the test's current strengths by placing the highest possible emphasis on the most important college success skills — reading and mathematics, and, now, writing," Caperton said.

According to Caperton, the new SAT I will remain a test of developed reasoning and thinking skills, as it has been for 76 years. The new test will be even more closely aligned with high school curricula than before:

A writing section will be added, including multiple-choice questions and a student-written essay;

Analyses will be eliminated and replaced by more critical reading passages from a variety of texts that range from science and history to humanities and literature (what is now called the verbal section will be renamed the critical reading section to emphasize the importance of reading);

Concepts from Algebra II will be added (currently, the SAT tests concepts from Geometry and Algebra I), and quantitative comparisons will be eliminated.

"The writing test will add great value to the SAT I and it sends a loud and clear message that strong writing is essential to success in college and beyond," said Linda Clement chair of the College Board Trustees and vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Valued for its rigor and its strong basis in research, the SAT I will maintain its quality and integrity at the highest level. The new SAT I will be introduced following thorough research and field-testing over the next three years. In addition, a diagnostic feature, similar to one recently added to the PSAT/NMSQT, will be added to the SAT I to provide the diagnostic information to help improve a student's academic skills. Research will also be conducted to confirm the value of this feature for students, schools, and colleges.

These changes are the latest in a progression of modifications that have taken place since the SAT I was created in 1926. The last major revision was in 1994 following a Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation to explore changes that would more closely align the test with then-current classroom practices. At that time, the SAT became the first national admissions test to encourage use of calculators and introduce open-ended math items. Longer reading passages were added, and antonyms were dropped. Nineteen ninety-four also saw a significant revision to the College Board's Achievement Test program (SAT II: Subject Tests), when a student-written essay was added to the SAT II: Writing Subject Test. "The SAT II: Writing Test has given us the basis for

now developing a new SAT I writing component," Caperton stressed.

According to Caperton, the College Board's SAT I: Reasoning Test and SAT II: Subject Tests — when used in combination — constitute the most comprehensive battery of college admissions tests in the world. Unlike the SAT I, the SAT IIs are achievement tests that measure how much a student knows about a particular academic subject such as biology or American history. The College Board offers 22 different SAT II: Subject Tests, in 18 different academic subjects. Numerous colleges and universities require applicants to take one or more of these tests in addition to the SAT I.

More information on the changes to the SAT I can be found at www.collegeboard.com.

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association whose mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to college and success. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 4,200 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves over three million students and their parents, 22,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning.

Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program. The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.



FREAK SO SHEAK!
Pat Shown, senior, sports one of his many creative outfits for "Crazy Day". This year, homecoming week was overwhelmed by Shown's outrageous school spirit.

Photo by: Christina Lauer

North Side celebrates 75 years of tradition

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Over the past seventy-five years, North Side has seen many different hair and clothing styles, and the typical behavior of teens has varied greatly. It is not then surprising to find out that the Redskin Homecoming traditions have also varied over the years.

When the tradition of homecoming began three fourths of a century ago, the oldest high school football rivalry also began. North and South have played a total of seventy-five football games. Out of this total, North Side has won forty-two.

This year, the seniors won the peace pipe. They accumulated the most points. Points were

earned by bringing in canned food or money donations, and for participating in various activities of Homecoming. The sophomores won the Quiz Bowl with a total of eight correct answers as well as the mini Olympics.

The freshmen won the Balloon Toss. The Balloon Toss was originally a tug-a-war contest between the sophomore and freshman classes, but it was recently changed.

With a score of fourteen to eight, the senior girls defeated the juniors in the Wednesday night Powder Puff game. The senior male cheerleaders also won the sexy leg contest that night.

Students from every grade level participated in the five dress-up days. Most

claimed it was an easy way to show school spirit.

Though there were originally five days that students could dress in different ways, it has not always been this way. Last year there were only three such days. The Student Council had a meeting with the new principal, and they all agreed to go back to the five days.

"I think it's fun," said senior, Monique Goheen. "It's something different from the stuff we normally do."

"I am an individual who cares about the seventy-fifth year anniversary of North Side. This is my senior year, and I want to experience and support the last year of North Side High School as it is today," said senior, Mike Kelly.

American teens called to duty?

With war looming over, is it possible that you could be drafted?

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

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Another possibility as to why there may be a draft is due to the United States' involvement in several other country's conflicts. This may cause the armed forces to not currently be fully equipped. In other words, they may or may not be understaffed. Mendez said,

"No, I do not think the military is understaffed... Each day a recruiter puts five in per day. Now add that up this month: 5 x 31 = 155 soldiers."

Although the possibility exists, the public is currently unaware of any actions taking place.

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Student run FCA offers unique setting

Christina Lauer
Social Director

Every Thursday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m., members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group (FCA) meet in Room 330 as they fill the air with words from the Bible. The members of this group dedicate every Thursday morning before school to their Lord. North Side students actually run this very organized club. The main students who run this group are senior, Ryan Smethers, junior, Steve Oetting, sophomore Holly Bluhm, and senior Rachel Childrey. Childrey is very proud to be a part of this Christian group; she also is

very proud that she is able to participate in reading the Bible at school. Childrey said with a cheery grin and gracious eyes,

"I am very proud that we are able to read the Bible at school. A lot of people say that reading the Bible at school is wrong, but I think that we should read the Bible everyday or even should be offered as a class for students that believe in God."

Talking about the Lord and reading the Bible are not the only things that this club does. They also have fun by hanging out at each other's houses eating hot, juicy, mouth-watering pizza, and crispy, sweet doughnuts from the famous doughnut shop,

Crispy Crème Doughnuts. Talking about the Lord and reading the Bible are their first two top priorities, but there is a reason, too. It is to have fun and enjoy each others company. Childrey said,

"Anyone who is interested in learning about the Lord and wants to share it with fellow Christians should join this club. No matter what gender, race, grade everyone one is welcome. You do not even have to be an athlete. Just come and be ready to praise the Lord."

If there are any questions about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, please contact Jennifer Neel in Room 330 or the student leaders who were previously mentioned at the beginning of article.

United we stand U.S. and the draft



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

At one time or another, I am sure everyone can remember sitting in History class listening to the teacher discuss the wars of the U.S. They would stand in front of the class and spew forth gory and horrifying details of the terrors that young soldiers were forced to face. I can recall sitting in the front row hearing the stories of fear and war and thinking it was horrible that people had to go through so much suffering.

I know it seems naive of me now and I am sure that others have done the same, but all through my life, I kept myself enclosed in this nice little protective bubble where I was convinced that nothing really bad could ever happen in my life especially experiencing something as serious as a war. The thought of living in a time of war had never even crossed my mind. It is a totally different story now.

After hearing all the talk and news about the war that the United States may be starting with Iraq, my protective bubble has completely disappeared. Now I have even heard that if we do go to war, they may be starting the draft again.

Hearing about young men who have been pulled out of school, sent to war, and who have died was horrible news to think about. Now it is even more terrifying to think that my friends may have to be sent off to fight.

What happened? Not so long ago everything was just fine, then one day Bam!

I can remember it clearly; my friends and I were driving to school and heard on the radio that terrorists had just hit the Twin Towers. We all just sat in a silent shock feeling horrible for those poor people, but we never realized how much this incident would affect our lives and those we care about. Now here we are a year later, and we are plagued by rumors of war. It seems unreal.

All anyone can do now is wait and see what happens. Hopefully in time, everything will work itself out without the need for a war.



ER PALS HELP frightened children in the emergency room. Founder, Mike Gzybowski, started the program by providing stuffed animals to the scared youngsters.

Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

ER pals need rescued

Rita Whitman
Adviser

Marvelous programs of assistance abound in Fort Wayne, but one is in danger of disappearing forever. ER Pals, a program that provides stuffed animals for little ones who visit the ER, has run out of funding to continue its mission.

Mike Gzybowski, Attorney and Founder of ER Pals, spoke genuinely about the need for financial assistance to keep the program going. He said,

"Some people have sent stuffed animals with the idea of helping, but unfortunately, the Board of Health has strict guidelines about the stuffed animals. What we really need are financial donations to keep the ER Pals program going."

When small children visit hospital emergency rooms, they are often very frightened, sometimes sick, or injured. It is a big, scary place for a small child.

Gzybowski's program provides over 20,000 small stuffed animals to thirteen hospitals in the northeastern part of Indiana. He started ER Pals after spending time volunteering with Vietnamese refugees then volunteering in a hospital emergency room in the evenings. He saw many frightened parents and small children who needed comfort. He came up with the idea, found a supplier, and the ER Pals program was born. Gzybowski said,

"The parents are just as upset as the children. First there's the long wait in the emergency room – sometimes three or four hours – and then everyone begins to calm down. Next thing they know, the children are seen by the doctors, have to get shots, X-rays, or other scary medical procedures start to happen. That's when the ER Pals really help."

Gzybowski also has a minimal website, www.erpals.org, but he said,

"I could use a volunteer who wants to spruce it up a bit."

One of *The Northerner* staff members received an ER Pal when he made an emergency room visit some time back. Andy Milentis, senior, said,

"Hey! I remember that. I got an ER Pal once when I was in the emergency room when I was four years old. It was cool."

Gzybowski could use our help. In order to keep the program going, he needs donations of about \$20,000 per year. Each of the "pets" costs 77 cents a piece.

This article was prompted by several newscasts this week seen by *The Northerner* staff members and

me. I thought maybe it would be a neat thing for North Side students and staff who are interested in helping to continue this program to get involved. We could collect donations. Gzybowski stated that groups who are interested in helping to fund this program can contact the "pet" supplier personally and make donations directly to them. Gzybowski also said,

"The students could even then volunteer to deliver the ER Pals themselves."

After having personally worked in hospitals for nearly ten years before becoming a teacher, I know how terrifying it is for children to have to go to the emergency room. There are so many bright lights, loud noises, upset voices, and sick or hurt people that even adults become shook up. This is just one tiny way that we can help make things a little easier (probably not more pleasant but better...) for young children faced with the terror of that ER visit.

Gzybowski, who seems like a caring and enthusiastic man, provided a mailing address to obtain additional information about the program: ER Pals, P.O. Box 13381, Ft. Wayne, IN 46868. Perhaps you are involved in a group outside of school that might be interested in helping, too. If so, someone from the group can contact: Jeri Campbell at 1-800-526-7400, then #2, and then 2. She is the sales representative to whom donations can be given directly to purchase the "pets."

Anyone out there interested in helping with this program? If so, please see any of The Northerner staff members or me in Room 310. Think of the difference we could make for scared little ones...



HOPE

North Side cheers-n-jeers

Tiffany Warren
Reporter

Cheers:

Betsy Roth, Teacher's Assistant- North Side's history and heritage
Brittany Le Clear, sophomore-Marching Band

Zach Hinton, sophomore-teachers at North Side are nicer than at other schools

Emrecio Morris, senior-the ladies

Sabas Garfias, sophomore-no dress codes

Brandi Qudus, senior-nice people

Matt Tutwiler, freshman-nice teachers

Aaron Miller, junior-not a lot of "preppy" people

Jessica Cartwright, junior-a lot of school spirit

Elke Stoeiger, Cafeteria Assistant

tant- nice people
Austin Brunner, freshman-students and scholars

Jeers:

Audrey Schwarz, sophomore-the food

Melissa Burgess, English Teacher-classroom size is too small

Jena Redwanski, junior-too many dirty people

Chris Beard, freshman-overpriced food

Kyle Christen, sophomore-doorless stalls in the bathroom

Erin Collins, junior- the teachers and deans

Philip Stump, sophomore-closed lunch

Eric McCarroll, Conflict Mediator, size of the school

Alec Wilson, sophomore-classes are too long

Celebrity look a-likes



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Topanga (Boy Meets World)



Adam Schwab



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Hiding in the shadows ready for her debut

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Not all high school students are or will be track stars or trophy winners. Some students live outside the spotlight. Now it is time to expose such students.

Hiding in the shadows of North Side, sophomore Jessica Hessert, was excited to learn that she could tell her story to the rest of the school.

Born right here in Fort Wayne, Indiana, this fun loving teen believes that life only gets interesting when one takes an interest in life.

"For me, [life will get interesting] when I go to Japan or Korea," said Hessert. She wants to learn both languages plus possibly Chinese.

Though Fort Wayne is her hometown, Hessert has not always lived here. Last school year she resided in

Huntington, Indiana, and attended Huntington North High School.

Until Huntington North sends her transcripts to North Side, Hessert is technically a freshman.

In between singing, dancing, and drawing, Hessert finds herself listening to Asian music such as J.T.L. (a Korean R&B group) and J (a Japanese rock artist). She is also fascinated by Asian culture in general.

"I'm really into keeping peace between people. I hate rude comments," said Hessert. She believes that everyone deserves chance and she never ignores someone who is trying to talk to her even if she does not know who he or she is.

Still awaiting her driver's license and first job, Hessert has a lot of time on her hands. However, she says

she doesn't get out much because of her lack of transportation. When she does get out and is no longer hiding in what she calls a "dubby-room", she's normally at the park or at her best friend, Beth Hamilton's, house. (Hessert described a "dubby" as a person who does not like subtitles but just looks at the main title of the show.)

"We get on each other's nerves a lot, so we say we're sisters," said Hessert about Hamilton.

"She's overly emotional sometimes, but she's really funny and nice. She's a great person which is why she's my best friend," said Hamilton.

Though she has only been at North Side for a few weeks, Hessert has managed to fit into the dramatic world

of the school's halls. She is not a friend of everyone, but she does not feel as if she is an outsider either.



DREAMS OF DRAWING: are Jessica Hessert, sophomore, avocation. Hessert spends her spare time drawing and expressing an interest in Asian culture.

Photo by Christina Lauer

Two notebooks and a pencil



Chrissy Robinson
Columnist

There is some confessing for me to do. I have been trying to say this for a really long time, but the time was never right and the words never came. I have known this for five years or even more, but admitting it just never seemed logical to me. I was afraid of what people would think of me, what they would say behind my back, how they would treat me. The truth is, though, that denial is not the correct thing to do and admitting it is the best medicine for me to feel better about my life. Ok, so here goes... I want to be a Spice Girl.

I have many reasons for my strong desire to be part of the ferociously fantastic five. Who could EVER pass up a chance to wear those six-inch shoes all over?

I would also be the Almighty to millions of preteen girls with their parents' money. Imagine how much housework could be done effortlessly with ten or twenty 13-year-olds running around? I would just give them a T-shirt and a sucker with a sticker of my mug, and they would be set for life! Oh yeah, that is another point, the merchandising. CD's, books, video tapes, movies with millions of cameos, cameras, candy, you name it, and they stuck a picture of themselves giving peace signs with the words "Girl Power" plastered everywhere. Like the great Geri Halliwell once said, "It ain't easy bein' cheesy!"

If I were one, I would want to be Scary Spice. I would put my long voluptuous hair back in a messy yet very sexy ponytail with one of my numerous scrunchies. I would also have a pierced tongue without the pain and torture of having it done (oh yeah, I would be her AFTER she had it done). I would also be incredibly hot and that just might come in handy. True, I would not be a rocket scientist or even be able to figure out how to make a paper airplane, but I would be able to get people to build my jets for me with my fame, fortune and incredible good looks.

The absolute best reason, though, is the most obvious. I would be British! I would walk around drinking tea and saying things like "Cheerio" and "Evening Gov'n'r" just to get on people's nerves. Oh, would I ever enjoy myself.

Trends of a lifetime

Tiffany Warren
Reporter

Walking down crowded hallways wearing multicolored rugby-type shirts and flare-legged jeans could easily be confused with an episode of *That 70's Show*.

Trends change all the time. Some people like to change with society while others tend to keep or make their own trends. Audrey Rose, freshman, wears her style of clothing, because she likes it not because of what everyone else is wearing.

Many wonder how long today's trends will last, and if they do not last what type of trend will next.

"If today's trends change which I don't think they will, my style

probably won't," said Rose. "I wear my kind of clothes, because I like them, not because other people do."

Even though society may mock many past fashions, it is almost assured that the trend will reoccur. The trend may not be worn exactly the way it was first intended to, but it is still worn. Rose said,

"Trends change because everyone gets tired of wearing the same stuff all the time, and they want to be different."

Who decides what is fashionable for everyone? Everyone should decide their own trend like many people at North Side already do.

Maybe the next trend will include polyester pants and form-fitting T-shirts while that next generation sits back and mocks today's trends.

Fans determine performers' futures

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Madona, Pink, and Michael Jackson are just a few music artists who have transformed themselves over the years to accommodate to the music style of the time. The performing world can sometimes be a fickle and uncaring business. Music artists have learned to adjust themselves to different music styling and different audiences.

"I believe that artists last longer if they learn to adapt to what people are listening to," said Michelle Pifer, senior.

Very few artists have lasted long in the music business. Even recent stars have lost their luster as performers. Vocalists from the teen-driven period like 98 degrees and Christina Aguilera have begun to

fade. Aguilera has transformed herself and is also attempting a transition from teen music queen to a rock-and-roll gal. Not everyone agrees with her recent transition. Sophomore, Jessica Brundige said,

"From what I've heard on the radio, not as many people like her."

Music styles and what is popular changes from year to year. The artists who are survivors of the popularity lash back have been around for years and it seems that they are not going away.

"Look at Aerosmith, Madonna, (and) Elvis. He's still going on, but he doesn't adapt 'cause he's dead," said Pifer.

It is obvious that over the years, music artists have come and gone. Only a handful of talented show stealers have lasted through the transitions of pop music fads.

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Witches fly around casting spells, small children run the streets dressed as various creatures to collect candy, ghosts and ghouls go around scaring people, and teens are free to cause mischief. That is how most people depict Halloween. However this festive occasion has not always been this way.

"I think Halloween started because people thought if they went around on that night dressed in costumes and killed other people, no one would know who did it, and they wouldn't get



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Tears, triumphs and football

Paul Short
Sports Editor

Football is a sport that has been around and admired by many people for years, and it will be for years to come.

Football is one of the most physical sports in the world. It can be played by almost everybody, but there are some risks in football just like everything else. Injuries can occur in anything but especially football. During Game 2 senior, Clarence Stuart, went down with a broken blood vessel in the brain. Stuart said,

"I had been hitting people all night. Basically what happened is I dove at the Harding Tight End, and his knee hit my helmet. Then I passed out and don't remember anything after that."

Stuart will not be able to play contact sports again; a

talented football player who is also a wrestler will be missed on the playing fields. However, Stuart still has his track career left allowing him to continue to prosper in athletics.

Willie Smith, who was a senior last year, was also injured during Game 2 of last season. Smith was out with a broken leg during the game against South Side. Smith was missed during the season, and this season Stuart's leadership and ability will also be

missed.

There is not really any one person who stands out on the team; nobody seems really exceptional just yet. Head Coach, Jeff Olden,

said,

"We have a team looking to build week-by-week in preparation for Sectionals."

However, there is somewhat

of a difference of opinion. Junior, John David Battell, said,

"We are too young of a team to determine outstanding players, but Jeremy Billingsley and Jason Turnage are the powerhouses of our defense."

With Turnage and Billingsley leading the defense, the season started out a little rocky, but things are starting to shape up as the season progresses.

Even with losses on the record, Olden still

looks at things on the positive side. Coach Olden said,

"No one likes to lose; we need to get better and improve even more."

With only their losses to act as fuel to run on for the next game, the team prepares for Sectionals, it seems as though every week the players get stronger and more experienced. Junior, Ben Burdett, said,

"This may be a rebuilding year but expect to see amazing things in Sectionals. You can bet that we will still be playing in November."

It seems as though the team is building for next season, be on the lookout for some outstanding performances by next year's seniors. By next season, there should be a majority of senior players that means that leadership, ability, and experience which was missed in past seasons will be included in next season.

THE VARSITY FOOTBALL team works hard during practice to get ready for the homecoming game. The team has been working hard all year.
Photo by: Christina Lauer



Getting caught up in the game

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

From basketball, tennis, golf, volleyball, soccer, football, cross country, swimming, bowling, hockey, and baseball, several students involved in sports get caught up in their game due to the trash-talking going around. Students playing against other opponents try to affect the way the team member's play by talking trash such as rude comments. Some athletes go so far as to getting kicked out of the game for trash-talking.

Believe it or not trash-talking does affect the game performances of students, junior Lucas Strack, said trash-talking gets him pumped up and ready to play a good game.

"I like to show those cats what I got," said Strack

His feelings about trash-talking are of course normal as any sports team player. He hates it. Most people take trash-talking seriously and get offended by it. While others just rub it off as if it were nothing and never happened. Junior, Ben Burdett, is a sports player who has no problem with trash-talking. He says it gets him ready to play a hard game to show

the trash talkers what kind of player he is.

"Trash talks trash," said Burdett.

When the player steps up to the plate or the pitcher getting ready to strike the batter out, a team player's mind should not be on what others think or what the opponents are saying or doing. A sport is just a game that draws the interests of someone. Winning or losing a game does not prove which team is better or worse than anyone else. For all team players go out on the field and give it all they have, but winners do it without trash talking.

Girls x-country has a big season

Tiffany Warren
Reporter

Running for little recognition

Sweaty, tired, and gasping for air while running next to anywhere from fifty to two hundred girls, is the highlight of many cross-country runners.

The cross-country team has been working on all aspects of improving their game. Not only do these girls run ten hours of nonstop practice in a week to help them improve their standings, but they have also been worked working equally as hard to develop their team unity.

"I think we've gotten better as a team this year, because we're all taking it more seriously. Everyone encourages each other no matter what place they get," said sophomore, Sarah Schifer.

During each two-hour practice, the team endures many different types of running tactics. One type of high endurance run is what the team calls LSD (long slow distance). In this run the girls are forced to push themselves to run six full miles.

Varsity is made up of the seven fastest runners. However, the line between

Varsity and Reserve can change many times throughout the season. The changes that occur may be caused by anything from an injury to someone running faster at a meet.

Allison Dill, sophomore, has been running cross-country for five years and makes up just one of the twenty-four reserve runners, which is the largest group of girls' runners in the history of North Side.

Dill said, "It's really hard. You have to be persistent, dedicated and willing to do it everyday. Otherwise you won't be able to survive."

Even though runners put themselves through many challenges and can be faced with many injuries, many people seem to have a problem relating cross-country to other sports.

Ashley Sweasey, a junior who runs Varsity, does not see why cross-country is not considered a sport.

"If cross-country isn't considered a sport, then what is? Try it! Come back and just try to say it's not a sport, because you won't."

Mike Engler, Math Teacher and coach, said that his coaching has not changed, but the way the girls see the sport has. Engler said,

"I think that last year, the girls really saw their potential and are trying to push them-

selves to achieve new goals. They take it more seriously this year than the previous."

In order to push themselves harder, the girls must first set goals for their season.

Sweasey set a goal of running 2.5 miles in sixteen minutes or less. So far Sweasey has come really close to that goal by attaining a time of 16.54 minutes.

Cross-country is a sport that demands year-round fitness. Not only do the girls work hard to achieve their best scores during the fall, but they also work all the summer to stay in shape.

During the summer, Sweasey swims, runs on her own time, and also does conditioning with the team. All this is to keep her speed increasing for a short season, and is done with very little recognition.

Cross-country demands a lot from a runner mentally and physically- just as much or maybe even more than other sports. The team has worked really hard and has grown up both as a team and individually and has achieved a lot more than a lot of people give them credit for. Cross-country is listed as a sport; therefore it is whether or not everyone is in agreement with that statement.

Tension and excitement runs through the bodies of North Side's determined girl's soccer team. With every breath, these girls put all of their effort forth at every game to give their best performance on the field. Manager, Senior, Amber Austin said,

"You could tell that every girl who would come off the field put forth all her effort, because she would breathe heavy with sweat dripping off her face. Some girls would even be cringing if we lost a game."

It seems that the soccer girls worked their hardest with their battle against Elmhurst. Elmhurst girls had a lot of negative comments to say to the North Side girls, but these tough, headstrong players did not let this get to their heads. North Side ended up beating Elmhurst with the score being two to one. Seniors, Laura Myers and Danae Cartwright said,

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Saturday, October 19

ISSMA Marching Band Regionals (Chesterfield)
8:30 AM-Freshman G Volleyball SAC Frosh TY (NS/Main Gym)
8:30 AM-Reserve G Volleyball Reserve TY (Elmhurst)
10:00 AM-Reserve Football vs. Woodlan (NS/Chambers Field)

Saturday, October 26

ISSMA Marching Band State Finals (Indianapolis)

Wednesday, November 13

6:30-V G Basketball vs. Northrop/SCRMG (Northrop)

Girls soccer grasps victory

Christina Lauer
Social Director

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so much trash. A lot of the Elmhurst's girls kept saying that they couldn't lose against North Side. But they did, because we beat them."

The girls seem to be very proud of the fact that they won three games this year. Myers and Cartwright felt as if they accomplished all of their goals this season.

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Myers and Cartwright said,

"We won more games than expected, but there were still some games that we lost that we definitely should have won."

Hopefully, in years to come, the girls will win the games that they expect to win instead leaving the field with disappointment. With the right leaders and the right attitude, they should have better seasons in years to come.



SENIOR, COURTNEY BILLINGS, slams the ball during practice while teammates look on. This year the girls soccer team has seen more victories than they have in a long time.

Photo by: Christina Lauer

Soccer season ends; hopes for future improvements

Katie Klein
Reporter

North Side's boys' soccer team has been working very hard this season. They have been really dedicated to coming to practices and playing really well during the games. The players have had a rough season but they have done really well.

Brady Koehlinger, physics teacher and soccer coach, said,

"I think that they have been really dedicated during this season."

The team's records are really good. Offensively Matt Grabner, junior, and Aaron Barnhart, junior, are the most solid players on the team Tom Garrett, sophomore, Zach McKillip, sophomore, and Joe

Cohen, senior are the most solid players defensively. They have learned to play as a team; they also play much better when everyone gets along.

"I am really glad to see that all the players get along with each other now, because it makes them a better team when they are able to get along."

There are certain strategies to winning a game. One of the strategies is to play both defensively and offensively. The players always have to be focused on the game all the time even when they are not on the field playing just so they know what is going on during the game.

Koehlinger said, "I am really proud of how much they are improving in the season. They have done really great, and had a great season."

"I believe if we have really good defense and offense then we will do very well during the games."

The players always need to play their positions on the field; they are really good but there can be improvement. Koehlinger said,

"The boys do a really good job, but they need to focus more often on the game and on practices also. Then they will actually be even better than they are now."

The boys do really well during practices, but it seems like after their practices, they end up doing really great during the games. They improve more after each game. Koehlinger said,

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Building gets face-lift for 75th Anniversary

Leslie Hilton
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Coming back and wandering through the familiar North Side, standing majestic by the stream, will never be the same again due to the upcoming 50 million-dollar renovation and expansion project of which the preliminary steps will begin taking place at any time.

Although the actual renovation portion will not begin until Phase III or in other words until the new portion of the building is built, the foundation and groundwork will begin throughout the duration of this school year.

Right now, the new parking lot is being started which will be located behind El Azteca. This small fraction of all the work that will need to be fulfilled is the first step that must be completed in order to begin the larger more sig-

nificant steps like the expansion. Once the new lot is completed, the framing and foundation of the new building will begin. However, the foundation cannot be started until the new lot is accomplished due to the new portion of the building being where the existent parking lot lies. This will set the ball rolling.

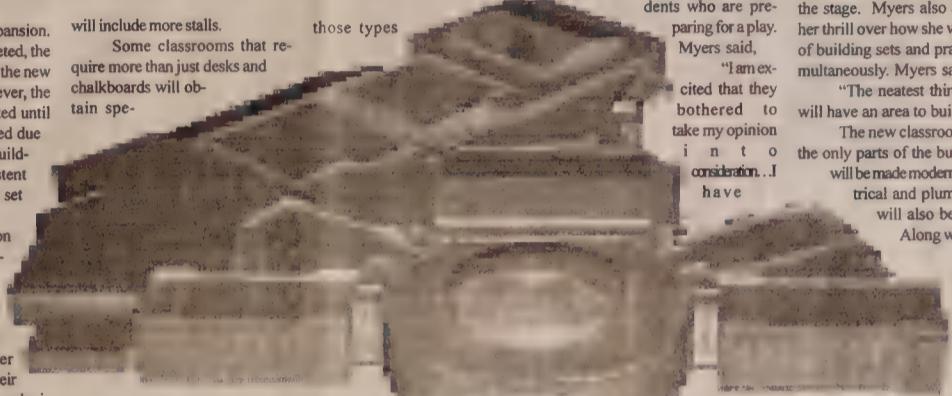
When the new portion of the building is concluded, they will begin modernizing the original segments of the building. This will provide the students with a much better equipped facility to meet their educational needs.

Not only is there going to be more parking but the classrooms will be adding 300 square feet. The classroom size will increase from 600 to 900 square feet. Also, the restrooms and locker rooms will be expanded and

will include more stalls.

Some classrooms that require more than just desks and chalkboards will obtain spe-

those types



cial attention. For instance, the music and theatrical departments will undergo some important changes to better suit their performing desires. These changes will better suit those who are involved in

of courses and extra curricular activities. The teachers working in these departments have been involved in the design of their new classrooms as a way of making the rooms be at their fullest capacity which will ultimately help the teachers. Clarynn Myers, Drama and Speech Teacher has been involved in the decision affecting her new classroom. It will include several features that will help her teach drama classes and help her stu-

dents who are preparing for a play. Myers said,

"I am excited that they bothered to take my opinion into consideration. I have

the stage. Myers also articulated her thrill over how she will be able of building sets and practicing simultaneously. Myers said,

"The neatest thing is that I will have an area to build sets."

The new classrooms are not the only parts of the building that will be made modern. The electrical and plumbing lines will also be replaced.

Along with this the heating and cooling system will be updated. This will help to

make the building's temperature more consistent throughout the building. Senior, Hornalea Goble, said,

"...My second period is cold sometimes, and sometimes it's really hot. It's not that it's a problem; it's inconvenient."

Over the years, this old building has seen many faces and many changes, but this renovation and expansion project may be the most important change that ever takes place.

Helpful hands reach out

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

Opening presents surrounded by the Christmas tree, slamming down on all the favorite foods that family prepared for the special celebration is what Christmas is all about. Unfortunately, some families do not have the opportunity to do so. Some families are not financially equipped to buy Christmas presents.

Fellow classmates involved with this outstanding program are Student Council representatives. For the second year they helped to bring families together on this special holiday by providing them with wish lists.

Three families are chosen to be assigned to each grade level. Each family that is chosen has one member that attends school here. The families are asked to make wish lists on what they

want and need for Christmas. Items run from gift certificates for Wal-Mart to house supplies that are needed for all family members.

said Bennett.

Student Council is not the only ones who are participating in this wonderful program. Homeroom classes help wrap all of the presents for the families while teachers deliver them to their homes on Christmas Day. English Teacher, Ellen Figel is one of the helpers who goes to deliver the presents to the families. Figel thinks that is great that families are adopted for the holidays.

"It is a wonderful thing to do. It is great to give back to those who are in need of help," said Figel.

Guidance Counselor, Kathy Bennett holds the whole program together. She is the one who tells the students what items to get that the families need. She is also the head of Student Council.

Like the old saying goes, it is better to give than to receive. During the holidays instead of thinking about presents, think of those who are not as lucky as others. Now thanks to staff and fellow classmates, three families will have a very special Christmas that they will never forget about

pleasing time while he was in the Navy, but there still was something that he wishes he had done to better himself. Taylor said,

"I think I would have enjoyed the Navy even more if I would have gotten more schooling out of it. I would have had more experience, so then I could have done more things with the talent that gave me."

All military members have a certain talent that is taught to them. For instance, another North Side staff member, Guidance Counselor Thomas Swinehart, was a mechanic in the nuclear power plant for the Navy for a total of five years.

Swinehart mainly joined the Navy to put himself through college, so he could get a good education. While Swinehart was in the Navy, he learned a few valuable lessons about himself. Swinehart said,

"I learned that I am capable of learning things very quickly; it helped me a lot when I returned to my college classes." Mechanic classes were harder than the college classes.

Even though Swinehart worked very hard in all his classes, he still admits that he did dumb things. Swinehart said,

"I made mistakes just like everyone did, but you learn from those mistakes. It's what helps you to be a

better person."

Computer Applications Instructor, Frank Sapper, was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps. Sapper chose the Marine Corps because he believed that it was the most prestigious branch of the military, and gave members the most ability to travel overseas. Citizens of the Marine Corps had to work to make it this far though; boot camp was the first obstacle. Sapper said,

"Boot camp worked on your mind and body; it gave you challenges that one would never think you would be able to accomplish."

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All of this hard work paid off for Sapper considering he got to travel for free.

Senior Matt Mendez is still working on his military career. At the young age of seventeen, Mendez wakes up every morning at 4:30 a.m. and attends an infantry class.

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defend his country in every way possible. Mendez said,

"My unit just activated to go join the other units in Iraq or Kuwait, so after I am done with training I will go join my unit. I will be a foot soldier, so my job will be to shoot at the enemy in order to protect my unit."

All of these courageous men have done their part in the military whether they went to war or not. They took on a career that changed their lives for the better and benefited their country.

Speaking of history, Custodian Joe Taylor learned a lot about his character while he was in the navy. Taylor said,

"The Navy made me realize a lot of characteristics about myself that I did not know before. I realized a lot more impressive things about myself than bad things."

It seems that Taylor had a very



CONSTRUCTION OF THE new parking lot is underway behind North Side. The lot will offer many more spots for students and faculty to park in. Currently, North Side has the smallest parking lot of all the FWCS High Schools.

Photo by: Christina Lauer

Adventures of a veteran

Christina Lauer
Social Director

Staff members hold their heads high as they walk through the hallways knowing the great deeds they did for themselves and for their country. Many members of the North Side staff have spent some of their past years serving in the military. US History teacher, Chris Nordlin, served in the Navy for four pride-filled years. Nordlin went to school to be a weatherman. Nordlin said,

"I wanted to be a weatherman, so I could be around the airplanes. But I wish I would have had the chance to go on a ship and see the world."

Nordlin is still very proud of his four years in the Navy even though he wishes he had done things a little differently. The Navy taught Nordlin a lot of valuable information about himself. Nordlin said,

"The Navy made me grow up and be responsible. It taught me to have pride in my country and made me realize my country is worth defending."

The military also taught Dennis Piercy, Head Custodian, responsibility. Piercy was in Active Duty Army for ten years and has continued this career for nine more years in

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Chrissy Robinson
Columnist

Backpacks cause teenagers backaches

"My book bag has lumbar support, so you can carry like 60 pounds without hurting your back," Leininger said.

Special backpacks are also available if a student is will-

over one shoulder. This type of bag promotes lateral bending and shoulder elevation causing more strain in the back. Junior Jen Church had one such book bag and decided it was more trouble than it was worth.

"My over-the shoulder book bag weighed like 15 pounds," Church said. "I was waking up every day with incredible back pain."

There are no studies stating that backpacks can lead to serious back problems, curvature of the spine, other deformities, or even poor posture. They can cause strain, however, but young adults are resilient

and able to get rid of the pain after a good night's rest. The fact still stands, though, that there is that strain that can easily be avoided.



High school behavior differs

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

From polo shirts to cellular phones, some schools are more lenient than others when it comes to what is and is not allowed on school grounds.

Compared to dress codes of some of the other area schools, North Side has a very loose appearance. At Bishop Luer's, no jeans are to be worn. The students must wear a collared shirt in the color of red, black, or white. If a sweatshirt is worn, it must have the school name on it.

At Concordia Lutheran, no frayed pants or skirts can be worn, and all pants must be

worn around the waist. The girls cannot wear midriff or sleeveless tops; the sleeves must be a minimum of four inches long. No lettering can be on the shirts unless it is related to a Concordia activity.

Neither Luer's nor Concordia allows coats or book bags in the classrooms. Most North Side teachers permit students to carry backpacks as long as they are not in the way or a distraction.

"I don't like the no coat rule. If it's cold I want my coat," said sophomore Brandon Jones.

There are also different views on the possession of electronics such as cell phones and pagers.

Concordia, like North Side, prohibits these items. Luer's, however, allows cell phones as long as they stay in the student's locker during the school day. This is a new policy for Luer's. Last year, students like those attending North Side were not allowed to bring these electronics to school.

The principal at Luer's took the Columbine incident into consideration and decided that students may need a cell phone for emergency use.

Some teachers at North Side feel that students should be able to have cellular phone in case of an emergency or to contact parents.

"I personally don't have a problem with cell phones, but the first time one goes off in my classroom, I will take it away," said Pam Houk, German Teacher. "I feel cell phones are an important connection to parents and work."

"I think we should be able to have cell phones on our per-

straps firmly tightened and packing bags with the heaviest items closest to the back will cause a decrease in pain as well.

It is not every day one finds the incredibly exciting headline, "Student Dies in Unexpected Backpack Related Accident." It is true, though, that improper use of backpacks can be hazardous to the health and general well being of many dedicated school children.

Some students contribute their back problems to excessive books and homework that are being lugger around every day for prolonged periods of time.

"My book bag weighs about 30 pounds on really bad days," sophomore Greg Knuth said. "We spend almost seven hours a day doing things school related, so we shouldn't have to do it at home. It's all overkill."

The truth is, though, that some backpack-related pain can be dodged. For instance, features like padded backs and straps and wheels really help relieve some of the pain. Also having both

ing to pay a hefty price. Junior Jessie Leininger purchased his backpack off the Internet, and he believes it has greatly reduced strain on his back.



THE OPTOMIST CLUB is seen here wrapping presents for the youngsters of the Kids Surviving Cancer party. The club takes part in volunteer events such as this throughout the year.

Photo by: Rita Whitman

Respecting the presence of police

Katie Klein
Reporter

Police here at North spend their days roaming the halls in order to protect and serve the students and staff throughout the day and the school year.

The officers are very strict with what goes on during the school day. Judy Schon, officer, said

"I have been treated with respect ever since I have been here. I believe that the students are capable of being respectful towards the administrative staff, other students, and also their other peers."

The officers think being respected is a necessity when they are in the building during the school day. The police officers enjoy coming to work here at North.

Each officer has their own perspective on the school.

Students at North feel very comfortable with the officers working here. They think that the police officers supervision over the building help to make other students feel comfortable within the building including in the mornings. Schon said,



so that I do my job to make sure that the students are safe while they are here."

The officers deal with many situations everyday. There are various situations that they have to deal with while they are working.

They deal with conflicts, cutting classes, and several other things.

Schon loves working here. She loves being able to help with anything that she can. She thinks that it's great being able to come in and sometimes even help resolve conflicts that happen during the day. Schon said,

"It's really nice being to help anyone out, even if they have conflicts."



MEETING AND GREETING. Indiana State Police Officer Taylor often makes an appearance during the lunch mods. His presence at North Side makes the school safer for staff and students.

Photo by: Andy Milentis

son, but they should be turned off during class," said Jones.

Though schools have different policies, all seem to be organized and all work.

Fulfilling childhood wishes

Katie Klein
Reporter

Happening only once a year, the Kids Surviving Cancer Party makes children happy. The students who are involved go shopping to buy gifts for the children who are surviving cancer. It is all part of being able to make the children have a better Christmas. There are several students who are involved. Elizabeth Hamilton, sophomore, said

"We only have one meeting a year where we discuss who picks out what for each certain child."

Each student is assigned to a certain child to buy presents for. Flyers and announcements are one way to get more people involved

in the Kids Surviving Cancer Party. Hamilton said,

"Flyers and announcements usually help us get more people involved; that way, for instance if they were to read the flyer, they may think that it might actually be fun to help with the party."

There are several children who are going to be really happy on the day of the party when they see all the presents and all of the fun things that there will be. Hamilton said,

"I haven't met any of the kids, but I am really looking forward to it, because I like children."

At the party, the students play games, make things out of balloons, and just have fun with the children. The children will be really surprised when they are able to see what they

are getting for Christmas when they are able to play games, and when they are able to make animals out of balloons. Hamilton said,

"I can't wait till the day of the party, because then we can just have fun and play with all of the children."

The students who are involved may be in the Optimist Club. That is how they found out, or some students may have found out because of flyers or the announcements. Hamilton said,

"I'm in the Optimist Club; that is how I found out about the Kids Surviving Cancer Party."

there is not that much that needs to be done, just basically figuring out who gets the gifts for a certain child."



OPINION

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Christmas time is here!



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Christmas time is here! It is time for happiness and cheer... or at least that is how I think the song goes. Well, with a family as psycho and crazy as mine, it is more like arguing and fighting. From my perspective, Christmas is the funniest time of the year. The day begins with a lovely dinner in which everyone stuffs their faces and then complains about eating too much. After that we move on to the gift unwrapping when everyone yells at everyone else for spending too much money on each other. Then once everything is said and done, everyone gets in a huge fight, calms down, gives hugs and kisses, and then says good-bye. That pretty much sums up a Christmas evening at the Alfeld household.

Whether families all "lovey dovey" or crazy like mine, Christmas is a great time of year. Even if you do not celebrate Christmas, two weeks away from school is always a nice treat. For me, the best part of Christmas is being able to go around and see all of the beautiful lights decorating streets and streets of households. It is so cool to see houses being illuminated by hundreds of extravagant lights and decorations.

For everyone who is not yet in the Christmas spirit, I would like to leave them with a little Christmas poem by Lucille Leedy Swales to help get them in the mood. It is called *Christmas Joy*, and this is how it goes.

Christmastime is full of joy,
For every little girl and boy;

For Mom and Dad and

cousins, too,

There is no time for feeling blue.

The Christmas tree is set in place

And trimmed with all the pomp and grace,

With tinsel bright and colored balls,

That sparkle when the tree light falls

Upon this colorful array

That helps to brighten up our day.

The stockings, filled by Santa's elves,

Are hung upon the fireplace shelves,

And all the toys beneath the tree

Shine brightly now for you and me.

To all students and staff, I would just like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a Merry New Year!

Fashion at a new level

Kelly Claypool
Guest Reporter

Everyone has a different opinion, and it usually shows through in personality and clothes. People dress in their own way for a reason. Some people like to be unique and stand out in a crowd, others like to blend in, and some just like to wear what is comfy. Whatever the reason is for wearing what you do, you just have to like it. Simone LeClear, freshman, said,

"I wear what I do because nobody else does, and I like to see the weird looks I get from people." Nothing really influences what LeClear wears.

"I dress the way I want to."

LeClear buys her clothes from Hot Topic, L.S. Ayres, and JC Penney.

"I have restrictions," LeClear said, "I won't buy those eighties spandex pants, even if they are in style."

LeClear was wearing a black T-shirt with the words XOXO printed on it in red and pink glittery lettering. LeClear also wore a pair of light flared jeans with five-inch tall black buckle heels.

Riley Carter, freshman, wore baggy jeans and a navy blue hooded sweatshirt. Carter wears what he does because it is comfy.

"People around me influence the way I dress," said Carter.

Carter comes up with his own

fits on his own.

Abercrombie & Fitch is widely known to carry all of the newest things in fashion. Michelle Neidigh, Manager at Abercrombie & Fitch, said the new style for girls is the layered look and lace-up jeans. For guys the new style is wearing the polo T-shirts, cargo pants, and also going for a layered look.

"My favorite item we sell is our fire-up tees," said Neidigh, they say Abercrombie & Fitch on the front and look like a baseball jersey. Abercrombie & Fitch is selling a lot of long sleeve T-shirts to girls and a lot of jeans to guys this season. Neidigh predicts that the top seller for Christmas will be jeans.

"We always sell a lot of jeans at Christmas," said Neidigh.

The most popular colors for fall right now are maroon, navy, and forest green. The look for fall is outdoorsy, yet comfy and trendy. The average cost for an outfit at Abercrombie and Fitch is forty dollars.

"I dress the way I do because it expresses the way I feel about myself," said Anthony Smith, senior.

"Nothing influences the way I dress; I just look for a style that I like," said Smith. Smith buys his clothes from Demo, Man Alive, L.S. Ayres, and A.J. Locker Room. As long as people feel good about how their clothes, who cares what others think.

The hand of love has no color

Christina Lauer
Social Director

Through the 1990s and to this very day, interracial relationships are sky rocketing teens all around the world have found a way to look past the color of some one's skin and focus on the beauty that is held within.

Society still sees interracial relationships as a taboo subject. Not that there is in any way a problem with loving someone of a different culture, but there will always be those who do not agree with these relationships. It seems that young Americans may be changing the outlook on this subject. Senior Erica Hunter said,

"If my mother has a problem with me dating a white man than that's on her. If I like the person I am going to date them regardless of their skin color."

Senior Pamela Thomas has one of the few who is not a statistic. Thomas said,

"My parents do not look at dating someone of a different race as a bad thing I respect them very much for that."

Interracial relationships are one thing that society is not quite ready for but teens of this nation including the students at North Side high school are more than ready to change society for the better.

Teens want to show their children that there is a whole lot more to love than the color of someone's skin. Love is beyond anything in this world, color will not stop the chemistry between two people. Love knows no color.

Hunter does believe that it is okay to be in an interracial relationship as long as one is dating another for the right reasons. Sophomore, Davielle Woosley agrees with Hunter, Woosley said,

"You should date the person that you want to be

with: the color of their skin should not stop you from dating them."

It is said by many that parents have a huge impact on a child's life, but in this matter this may be false. Many students agree that their parents do not agree with dating someone of a different culture. Hunter said,

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Check it out!



TATS AND PIERCINGS of North Side's very own students.

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ON THE DOWN LOW...

With Diana Flores

What do you wish to have for Christmas?



Freshman



Queen Johns

Clothes and shoes

Sophomore



Gwendolyn Rogers

Some new Tim's

Junior



Fadzil Masri

A new car would be nice

Senior



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FEATURES 4

Tinsel causes chaotic troubles



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Features Editors

Some like them big, some like them small, some like them large, and some like them tall. There are some that are so pointy that it hurts at the slightest touch, but others are damp with snowy dew. Okay, let us get to the point some of them are fake, but not all of them. Do not get us wrong; we are NOT trying to be prejudiced against the fake ones because honestly, the fake ones can be better. Fake ones are less maintenance--trees that is.

When in the presence of a fake X-mas, tree the scent of pine is severely lacking due to the tree not being a pine tree. When assembling a fake Christmas tree, the task of placing the fake branches in those stupid little holes can be a bit frustrating. Just when it is thought the tree is coming together, it is realized in the middle of the tree that one piece is on wrong, and it needs the whole thing to be taken apart and started over.

A great aspect of having an artificial tree is the fact that there is no need to go out in the bitter cold and drag a large, smelly plant from a tree farm run by a very scary lumberjack and bring it to your house and realize it is too big. After resizing the tree, in the frigid weather, be sure to remove all little critters, so it can be taken it into the house. If it had been the synthetic tree instead, it could already have been set up and decorated which would prevent interacting with scary lumberjacks and frostbite.

Now we would like to mention the tinsel factor...when removing the tinsel from a man-made tree, it takes quite a bit of effort. When with a real tree there is no need--just take it and dump it in one of those "tree disposal" dumps. Do not forget that the tinsel will never be fully removed from any tree. Therefore if it is a non-real tree, thirty years later the tinsel will still be there. Really there is no need to remove it at all, and there will not be any need to purchase it again.

No matter which tree, cats will ALWAYS cause a disturbance. If lucky enough to have ever had a cat during this wonderful season, cleaning the kitty litter would be... interesting. If one is not privileged enough to have a cat, let us express that they eat tinsel, and it reappears in various places.

Cats as well as other small animals like to venture up the tree to see what there is to see. Because of this, decorations end up on the floor, and occasionally the Christmas tree loses its balance and falls over.

Though both trees have great qualities, they also have down sides which were previously discussed. Nonetheless, the Christmas season is full of festive activities, but none are more festive than picking out the Christmas tree.

Santa, the untold story

Christina Lauer
Social Director

Cookies and milk, big red suits, white beards, giggling laughs, and winks fill children with joyfulness, silliness and the peace of Christmas. But is Christmas' jolly old Saint Nick a real man or is he just a fairy-tale creature; could he be a little part of both worlds?

Santa Claus is the fairy-tale person who was made up through the years, but Saint Nick was a real man. Nicholas lived in the 4th Century AD. He was very wealthy, generous, and very loving towards children. It was in his honor that Russia's oldest church was built. Roman Catholic's honored him as one who helped children and the poor. By the time the stories of Saint Nicholas got to the United States, he was known as Santa Claus. Santa's white beard, red jacket and pompon topped hat was invented through North American poetry. Detailed illustrations of

Santa Claus were created by a fabulous illustrator, Thomas Nast, who drew images of the Santa Claus that he created with his wonderful imagination. Nast added details to Santa Claus such as Santa's toy workshop and elves. Santa's reindeer were created by an advertising writer for the Montgomery Ward Company in 1939.

In every country, there is a different theory of Saint Nick, but every child knows the same potbelly and rosy cheeks of Christmas' jolly man, Santa Claus.

Looking back at the history of Santa may require digging very deeply into the past. It would only be discovered that Santa Claus as he is known to be is a combination of creative minds and hands of those who enjoy children and their laughter. Santa Claus is a fairy-tale creature who was inspired by a well-known man named Saint Nick who loved children and believed in giving to others out of the kindness of his heart.

Show choir swings into a new season

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Singing, dancing, doing both at the same time, these are just two of the requirements in the creation of a great show choir. This year North Side's show choir, The Wave of Distinction, is prepared to take on the challenge of the upcoming competition season.

Show choir is a singing and dancing group of performers who go all over the state and compete against other choirs to win awards and show off their abilities as performers.

For those who do not

understand the whole show choir "thing," it is a little bit like the movie "Bring It On," but instead of cheerleaders, it is overly dedicated choir students on the prowl for a 1st place trophy.

The up-and-coming season is bombarded by a full schedule of practices and performances by The Wave of Distinction. Practices are usually held on Monday and Thursday nights. The hours from five to nine p.m. are filled by singing and dancing in the North Side auditorium as the show choir practices.

...We rehearse at night, parents volunteer to bring in dinner for us to eat at 5:30, and then we set up

and start rehearsal. Everyone works hard to make our show choir great for competition season," said senior, Amber Brundige.

During the winter months of the school year are when most of the competitions take place. Some of the schools featured in the show choir performance schedule are Homestead High School and East Noble High School.

"East Noble and Homestead were our best performances last season, in my opinion. For one, at Homestead we hadn't made night finals there in years, and we finally did. It was awesome and making night

finals

there meant all the

hard work we

had put into our show

was paying off," said senior, Lindsey Pequignot.

Once again to those who do not follow the whole show choir "thing," night finals are the second show in a competition. The first show is during the day, and the night finals are the made up of the best choirs that the judges pick to stay and compete for the top positions. Sometimes the night finals last hours into the night and the show choir may not get home until late at night--sometimes even eleven o'clock or midnight. Junior, Sarah Ridenour, said,

"One competition there was fog and it was only supposed to take three and a half hours, (to get home) but took five. It was like two o'clock in the morning when we got home. It was exhausting."

The show choir is a hard-working group of teenagers who dedicate many nights, Saturdays, and schools days to competing. The joy of winning a competition is worth the hard work to these students, and they are continuing to work hard and practice in the hopes of being the best.

Happy Holidays from the Northerner Staff



Dreaming of a healthy Xmas

Chelsi Altman
Kelly Claypool
Reporters

Dreaming of a sweet Christmas, for dieters it is a nightmare. All of the foods that are served on Christmas are not always diet friendly. Of course, that plate of homemade Christmas cookies is not going to have a paper with nutritional facts on the side.

"If you want to eat healthy over the holidays, know your limit and don't go over it," said Bernadine Bryant, school nurse.

Eating healthy all year is not always easy especially during the holidays.

"You've got to have junk food occasionally," said junior, Greg Ludwiski. Although if people do feel like letting themselves splurge Bryant said,

"Walking is a good way to lose unwanted weight. Just

walking anywhere is good even if it is just around the mall with friends."

Bryant also said that if people would not want to do their exercises outside, inside ones are just as good (i.e., treadmills). Nevertheless if treadmills are not available to exercise on, then jumping jacks are good, too. The key to staying trim and not gaining pounds over the holidays and still being able to splurge is to stay active or be a bit more active in daily life.

"Instead of exercising, people also cut the sweets and junk food out of their diet so that they can splurge during the holidays," said Bryant.

If people are thinking of dieting, they need to remember that dieting is not starving themselves; it is just eating healthier. Another thing to remember is not to attempt to compensate for extra

pounds by depriving from foods before hand; meal should not be skipped. The only thing that happens from skipping meals is getting hungrier which makes it more tempting to overeat. To prevent overeating, a breakfast should be included in holiday routines, many people skip breakfast with that big Christmas feast later that day mind.

To help those filling goodies go down, try tossing in some vegetables into the mix of food on the plate.

"If people want a nutritional guide to help them include healthier foods into the diets, I have copies available in my office for any one who wants it," said Bryant. People should not stress about their weight to much as long as they feel good about themselves. Every year the holidays come around with every delicious treat imaginable. Whether people eat healthy or not, it is up to them.

WALKIN' LIKE AN EGPTIAN, junior Sara Webster warms up for a show choir practice. "In show choir, practices can kind of get repetitive by mid year so we try to spice them up a little by warming up to Michael Jackson."

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Blane
Pressler



GETTING THE LIMELIGHT

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Dreams of the future, memories of the past, and plans for right now fill the head of sophomore Aaron Mahoney on a daily basis.

Though Fort Wayne has been his home for the past sixteen years and he does not mind living here, Mahoney would prefer to be living with his brother in Hawaii.

"It's a lot warmer there. Fort Wayne is kind of boring sometimes," said Mahoney.

Visions of the tress and the river form the image of the beautiful view Mahoney remembers from a white-water rafting trip he went on as a Christian retreat. He liked the fact that he was "getting back

to nature."

"Plus, it was a rush," said Mahoney.

After high school, Mahoney plans to go to college attending either ITT or Indiana University. He dreams of becoming a computer programmer and is already working toward that goal. Currently he is taking Electronics Communications, a class at North Side, and working to achieve his Academic Honors Diploma. He plans on taking other computer classes later in his school career.

Though normally not very talkative, Mahoney is able to relax and joke with his friends at lunch.

"My friends are cool but a little strange at times; some

more than others," said Mahoney.

When Mahoney is not in class or playing tennis for the school team, he is usually either at home or over at his friend's house playing sports. He also enjoys getting on the Internet and playing video games. One of the less favorite activities he does outside of school, is the chores he has to do around the house.

"Aaron is a very down-to-earth person, [and that's] very uncommon nowadays," said sophomore, Brittany Lee Clear.

Mahoney's younger brother had a different perspective about him. Freshman Jonathan Mahoney, said

"Aaron is very smart, but he has no common sense."



OP/FEATURES 5

Teen familiarity with peer pressure

Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Peer pressure everyone has seen it, heard of it, or even experienced it at one time or another. Nowadays more than ever teenagers are constantly being bombarded with enormous amounts of peer pressure. I am sure everyone knows by now what exactly peer pressure is. It can best be described as the often persistent nagging of friends and associates who are attempting to get someone to do something that they do not want to do.

Side effects of peer pressure usually include headaches, butterflies in the stomach, jumbled thoughts, and may even include a severe pain in the neck and/or rear end. This could also be followed by a sudden outburst of sayings like "You guys are really giving me a headache," or the ever popular, "My friends are such a pain in the rear end!" One would think that since everyone knows how awful it can feel to be pressured into something, that everyone would just stop doing it. However, this is not always the case.

Now I do not want to give anyone the impression that all the teens of today are pushy and troublesome, because that is not the case. Often times peer pressure can come from those who do not realize that they are actually pressuring their fellow companions and making them feel uncomfortable. Whether they realize it or not, friends and other associates can often influence the decisions that the people around them make. Even well-adjusted adults sometimes feel a desire to measure up to their peers, so imagine what it is like for teen seeking acceptance. By the time they reach adolescence, peer influence is more powerful than parental authority.

If someone is being pressured to do something that they do not want to do, the best thing to remember is that everyone is in charge of his or her own actions and each person knows what is best for themselves. If someone is pressuring them, they need to know to stand up for themselves and realize that they do not have to follow the crowd to be cool. All they have to do is be themselves, and someone is bound to come along who thinks they are a great person. Who wants friends who do not like a person for who they are, anyway? With friends like that, who needs enemies? Everyone just needs to be themselves, stick to their own path, and not let anyone talk them into doing something they do not want to do. Although it may be hard to say no at the time, it will definitely pay off in the end.

The final play put on last year was the musical "Pippin," and

Hot buys and furious crowds

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

Some who are generous will begin planning for the Christmas season months in advance, but others who procrastinate will do their planning while the turkey and mashed potatoes are still in their stomachs on the day before the biggest shopping day of the year.

The day after Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Christmas season and is often recognized as the biggest shopping day of the year.

Stores put up the Christmas displays and have done bundles of planning and research to be ready for the day. The stores and shopping centers must plan carefully though. If they do not use careful con-

sideration, they could end up with an abundance of toys that were not as hot as planned and will have virtually no way to get rid of them. However they could also underestimate a toy and think it may not be as big as it turns out to be which would leave the customers unsatisfied. Junior Calea Zimmer remembers a past Christmas and that year's hot toy the, "Tickle Me Elmo" doll. She said,

"People were obsessed. I was at Toys 'r Us and people were actually fighting each other for them. It was a sad and scary time."

Although the "Tickle Me Elmo" is a toy from the past, it is a reminder that the big item can rarely be determined in advance. Some toys may be popular before the

season begins and barely sell once the Christmas spirit has arrived. Zimmer said,

"...Probably Sponge Bob or Invader Zim and Barbie. Barbie is always popular."

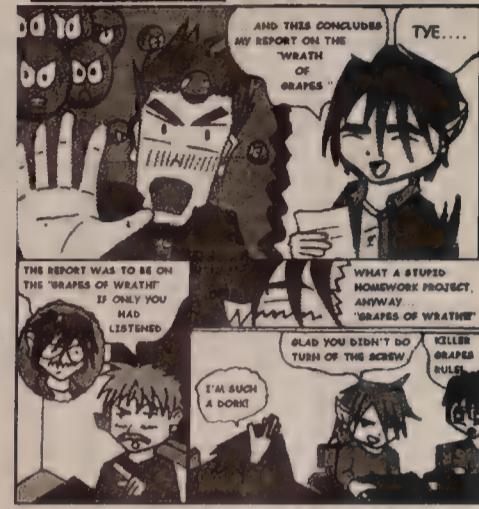
The day after Thanksgiving is notorious for crowds and chaos, but their intentions are not to cause mischief. Most are probably hoping to purchase thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. Although their intentions may sometimes spoil, it truly shows the spirit of giving. Plus it is the thought that counts. Zimmer said,

"There are always crowds, but that's just part of the fun...It reminds me of the season and gives me a warm fuzzy feeling. It just proves that people like to give more than receive."



THE NORTHERNERS

BY CELSEI ALTMAN



ACTIN' IT OUT Seniors Andrea Blackman and Tim Rodgers read lines in rehearsal for the upcoming production of "Sabrina Fair".

Photo by: Blane Pressler

Fall play makes debut

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Lights, lines, make-up, and...action! This year's fall play "Sabrina Fair," a romantic comedy, directed by Claryen Myers is being performed on November 21 and 22 in the school auditorium. Admission for students is only three bucks and five for adults. This play is the original version of the film "Sabrina," starring Harrison Ford.

Senior, Andrea Blackman, is the one to create the character of Sabrina and this is just one of many productions that she has participated in here at North Side. Blackman said,

"I think it's the part I've liked playing best out of any of the roles I've had so far."

This year Myers decided that she wanted to do something different. The last two years, the fall play has dealt with dramatic situations and characters. Myers is headed in another direction with this play. This romantic comedy deals with affection and humor unlike the last few fall productions created here at North Side.

The final play put on last year was the musical "Pippin," and

that particular production, though humorous, dealt with issues of suicide, and "Sabrina" is on a bit of a lighter note than past heavy dramas. A few of the actors participating in this play feel that it is a very different mood than what they are used to, and some find themselves being dramatic and passing by some of the humor in the dialogue. The missed humor is soon corrected when Myers tells the people on stage, "That's supposed to be funny."

The "Sabrina" set creates a beautiful picture of a walled garden; the whole production takes place on this one set. This is a very sophisticated comedy that requires the actors to portray characters quite unlike themselves. The entire cast is made up of adult roles, and some characters are required to speak French in the dialogue. Blackman said,

"...It's also a little more challenging, because I have several good sized lines that are entirely in French." The "Sabrina" cast is prepared for their performance as opening night approaches on November 21st.

Nightmares live in the mind

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Twelve total shootings, nine innocent victims dead, and two suspects in custody; some North Side students believe the DC area's nightmare has come to an end while others think there is more terror lurking in the future.

On October 2, the window of a craft store in Montgomery County, Maryland, was shot and shattered. Less than an hour later, another shooting occurred. At 6:04 p.m., a fifty-five year old resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, was killed outside a grocery store. This was the "Beltway" sniper's first victim.

Over the course of the next twenty-nine hours, five more innocent people became victims to Washington DC's latest terrorist.

As the month went on,

the shootings continued. Two and a half weeks later, four more families were mourning, and three families were in the hospital.

Not long after a bus driver was shot on the top stair of the bus he was driving, two suspects were in custody.

"I think they were the only two doing the shooting, but some [other] people may have been involved - just indirectly," said sophomore, Brittany Le Clear.

The suspects were charged with the murders of the victims.

What do the students here at school think should be the consequences for such a terrible crime? From life to death, the opinions in the halls of North Side vary widely.

"I think they victims' families should decide how severe the punishment should be," said sophomore, Russ

Breeden.

Not all students left it so open. Le Clear had a more unyielding opinion.

"I don't believe in the death penalty, but those two suspects - if convicted - should be put to death," said Le Clear.

Some believe that although horrible, the techniques the sniper used were well thought out. The belief is that they planned well and knew exactly what they were going to do. After hearing about the way the car was set up, there was fear in some hearts while a sense of awe was also going around.

"It's scary. There could be a terrorist in any car out there," said freshman, Andrew Callison.

Whether people are still scared, in shock from the events, or do not really know much about what happened Washington DC's nightmare seems to have come to an end.

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Swimming revs up for season

Katie Klein
Reporter

While spending all their time practicing, the swim team prepares themselves for the upcoming season. Many hours during the week are spent on making the team better both mentally and physically, mainly to make their techniques much better. The team works very hard each day. Many of the members are very concerned about how good their techniques are and how well they do everyday. Marci Ryan, Coach and Biology Teacher, said,

"They just want to have an excellent season. They also want to succeed."

There are so many things that get done during practices so that the members are able to improve even before their first meet. Each member in particular spends their own time doing what is needed to make themselves better physically. Ryan said,

"I am very pleased with the way we are doing so far. They have accomplished so much within the time that they have had to practice."

Whenever members prac-

tice on their own, they always seem to do so much better on the day of the meet. It also makes them stronger that way. The members have so much time left in order for them to get better than they already are. Ryan said,

"They have the potential to do really great this season. I believe that they will do fine."

The members are always willing to do anything possible to make them better. They have really worked hard during every practice. Ryan said,

"If they are confident, then they will be ok. I am really impressed with how well everyone has gotten along at every practice."

Everyone does a really good job during practice. They do everything that they are supposed to do. They are doing really well so far. Ryan said,

"I am really glad that no one has missed a practice, and everyone also shows up on time when they are supposed to."

Some of the members have more time to make themselves look better than the other members do. All of the members are willing to make the whole team look better.

"I want to be one of the leading rebounders; I want to dunk, and also throw Jerry Amos an 'alley-oop.' All around I just want to be a quiet force." Senior, Greg Helmcamp, said,

"I know that I am not a scorer or rebounder, but I want to contribute to the team any way that I can. I can help the team by being a role player and a hustler."

Even though the team works hard and hopes to do well, they still plan on having fun time this season. As long

STROKE, STROKE, STROKE!! Sarah Komaneck works on improving her time during practice. The team is off to a great start, already breaking school records! Most everybody has set their own personal records, and they all hope to reset them time and time again this season. This talented swimming group is looking forward to going far into the SAC this year.

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Guy's b-ball begins practice

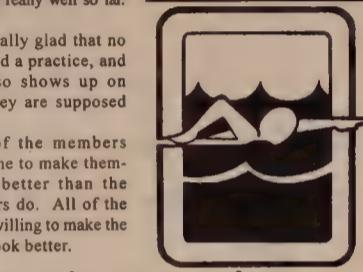
Paul Short
Sports Editor

Basketball is perhaps one of the most played and adored sports in the world. Basketball is a fun and exciting sport that can be played with family or friends. Shooting hoops can be exhilarating whether it is played, organized, playground, or backyard style. However, basketball is not just fun and games. It takes a great deal of practice and endurance to do well at such a physically demanding activity.

This year the guy's basketball team is planning and practicing to make it big. Junior, Neil Collins said,

"My goal is to win SAC and Sectionals."

Winning their tournaments for SAC and Sectionals is not just an individual goal; it is a team goal.



Wrestling aims for goals

Paul Short
Sports Editor

As the fall season ends and with winter right around the corner, North Side's winter athletes start their conditioning.

Among the winter sports, wrestling is one of the toughest sports around. The team must be in a fine condition to last throughout a match with an opponent. Head coach, Ryan Morman, said,

"We do a lot of hard work in practice."

Dr. Ing. a typical practice, the

workload includes: sprints, stairs, push-ups, and sit-ups.

Junior, Kyle Magsam, said,

"Conditioning is tough, because we have to run a lot. It's only hard in the beginning but as you get more in shape it gets a little easier."

It takes a lot of self-discipline to wrestle because a person needs to watch their weight and stay fit. Senior, Graland Early, is on of the top wrestlers at North Side, to stay in shape for wrestling Early said,

"I wrestle all summer and lift weights. Then there's cross-country and a lot of drilling."

For North Side this is going to be a rebuilding year for the team, Junior, Steve Oetting, said,

Magsam said,

"My main goal for this season is to get second in Sectionals."

Goals are probably one of the most influential aspects of sports. They give a person something to reach for, or aim at, and it keeps a person moving forward instead of going backwards or staying in the same spot all the time. With ease, Early said,

"Win State."

This is not an impossible goal; all a person needs to do is work hard to get it. Even though Morman is not actually doing the wrestling, he still has goals for his team. Morman said,

"It's obvious that I want to have as many team wins as possible and advance as many individuals as we can."



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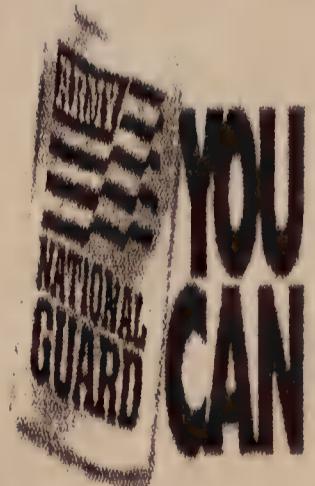
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Remembering an American icon

Renee Gause
Reporter

When the shots first rang out killing an American icon on April 4, 1968, shattered the dreams of many African-Americans eager for the life that they knew they deserved. To many people, Martin Luther King Jr. was viewed as a troublemaker, and someone who had clearly overstepped racial boundaries. Others viewed King as a role model who taught them to believe in themselves and to stand up to those who were trying to hold them down. King was an inspiration for the entire United States.

"It's the right thing to do, because he stood up for what he believed," said Adam Ogdon, freshman.

He was someone who could look up to, because he was an African-American who overcame a lot. He graduated from college, and later won the Nobel Peace Prize which disproved the stereotype that African-Americans were only meant for hard labor. Simone eClear, freshman, said,

"He meant a lot to the US, and it's a good thing to celebrate. [He] was a very great man, a motivator, he new what to say, when to say it, and how to say it."

King was a great speaker and because of that civil rights movement really reflected him. The



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THE CIVIL RIGHTS movement was spear-headed by Martin Luther King Jr. Seen here, King stands on the steps of the State Capitol Building in Montgomery, AL, before a Civil Rights Rally.

thought of slavery was feared by all African-Americans. Karmicka Eldridge said,

"It should always be a national holiday, he was there for all African-American people."

What he did was a great thing to do during the Civil Rights Movement. He had a dream to fulfill and that is what he did. Kendral Johnson, senior said,

"He is the top notch; we should talk about him forever."

Although King was not the first to see the racial bias of America's south, he seemed to have impeccable timing. King knew the world was drastically changing overseas and he viewed this as his time to advance his own country. Many leaders before him, both Afri-

can-American and white, tried to abolish the social barriers of the South but were never quite successful. The leadership that King displayed was unprecedented in the Civil Rights Movement.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s actions in the 1960's had an impact of historic proportions. Through boycotts and sit-ins, King and his loyal followers were able to show the rest of the country how life was for African-Americans in the southern states. As television sets became ubiquitous to American households, so did images of the racial-driven violence in the south. King used his talent of speech and his ability to lead to get his message out to all Americans; the message that racial segregation and discrimination must be ceased.

While one sits outside during the year, notable differences in the way people drive can be seen. The speed of the vehicle, the volume of the radio, the caution around turns and curves, and the use of brakes are all things that vary between the two contrasting seasons.

"In the summer, I tend to go faster than in the winter," said Desmonds.

Senior, Cole Holle's speed is greatly reduced when there is ice on the roads. He also uses extra caution when going over bridges and taking turns.

Winter is not the only season that caution should be used, but it is the most common time of year that drivers are aware of the conditions. Delays of school systems and sometimes workplaces are a measure taken to help in the control of minimal accidents one snow and ice.

Ice and snow force drivers to slow

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Flake after flake falls until the roads are covered with a thin layer of slippery snow. As drivers of all ages limp into their cars, the whiteness in their knuckles drives away their fear.

Christmas Eve was the first time this winter when Fort Wayne drivers had to use extra caution because of snow. Those who were determined to make it to the homes of their relatives had a slow drive through even inches of fluffy, packing snow ahead of them. However was the journey a ride in the park or a nerve-racking mind game?

For senior Russell Campbell, it was a ride in the park. In all actuality, it was a ride in the parking lot.

"I used up an entire tank of gas in Northcrest," said Campbell.

Campbell explained how he did donuts through the snow and on the ice just to have fun.

Some drivers tend to get nervous during the winter months.

"Yes, [I get nervous], but

not too nervous," said sophomore Cassandra Desmonds.

Ice causes vehicles to lose traction. In such an occasion, vehicles may slide into another car, off the road or into a fixed object such as a light post, ditch, or tree.

Because of this point, most drivers dislike driving on ice. However Campbell has another opinion.

"It's fun," said

Campbell.

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Parking lot nears completion

Construction deadline set for Feb. 1

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

Up and coming the new parking lot will be completed and better equipped to suit the students, staff, and any other visitors at the building.

The original deadline for the completed parking lot was scheduled for December 6, 2002, but there were numerous dilemmas along the way. For instance, Todd Knecht, Foreman for Bunn Incorporated,



PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION is underway behind North Side. The winter weather pushed back the deadline, but Bunn Inc. Foreman Todd Knecht said, "(the parking lot) is close to being finished. We must be done by Feb. 1." Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

with the plans not being marked properly.

Not only was it a necessity to lower the water lines, but the construction workers were also delayed in order to lower the gas lines in addition to their other struggles.

In the meantime, the construction workers who at the time were only planning on working on Phase One, which is the parking lot, decided while they were there and waiting, they would squeeze in Phase Two.

As if that was not enough, the winter so far has spontaneously dumped a multitude of buckets full of wet, messy, freezing snow. The

snow then would need to be removed from the work site. Otherwise the day would be wasted. Overall Knecht believed the snow only held them back about one day.

The parking lot that is now nearing completion has only one major step left. Schenkel said,

"It's close to being finished, but they cannot stripe the lot until the temperature is above freezing. As soon as the temperature is above freezing, they will begin striping."

The new parking lot is expected to have an estimated capacity of about one hundred eighty spaces. That is a significant increase from the size of the current lot.

The lot should be completed in February, and work is anticipated to begin in the old lot as soon as the new one is completed.

All drivers may want to be on the lookout, because their dream space may be opening up any day. Look out for the construction and happy trails.

Dear North Side Staff and Students,

It has recently come to *The Northerner* staff's attention that in the last issue of our paper there was incorrect information published, which we would like to apologize for. It seems that one of the staff reporters did not verify information before writing a story. We, the staff, would like to clarify that Marci Ryan is not the new swim coach. It is in fact Sarah Lowe who takes that position. We would like to not only apologize to Ms. Lowe and Ms. Ryan but also apologize to all staff and students for misinforming them.

We hope you accept our apology.

Sincerely,
The Northerner Staff



WATCH FOR ICE! This rail on the corner of Westbrook Drive and State Boulevard has been the victim of many road accidents this winter. Many motorists are not accustomed to winter driving conditions.

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No fears for the future



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Ahhh!!! What to do? What to do? It is near the end of my senior year, and I think I am slowly losing my mind. Unless of course bleeding from the ears is a natural occurrence. Senioritis set in long ago, and all I want to do now is rest and relax. However, now more than ever I am being bombarded with tedious decisions. College, career, work, and relationships: these are some of the many new responsibilities that are developing.

Now that college is growing nearer and nearer, I wonder what it will be like living away from my family for the first time trying to balance school, work, housing, money, partying, and relationships all on my own. There is no longer going to be anyone there to hold my hand to guide me. You know what though.... I am not the least bit scared. Actually I am surprisingly fearless of what awaits. In fact, I am rather excited about what is to come. All my life I have been "mommy's little princess"; constantly being guided and waited on hand and foot. Now do not get me wrong. I am extremely thankful for all the help and advantages my family, especially my mom, has given me. However, despite my gratitude, I am definitely ready for the challenge of being on my own. It will be difficult, but it will also be a great learning and growing experience.

I think everyone, especially seniors, is looking forward to what the future is going to offer them with a great deal of excitement. For those who are still a little worrisome about what is to come, just let me say that there is no reason to be. Yes times will be rough; there is no denying that. However, everyone should do themselves a favor and not dwell on the bad, because whether it seems like it or not, things will get better. Instead enjoy all the good things in life. Do not just wait for your life to get better, make it better. With a frame of mind like this, there is no end to how enjoyable your future may be.

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

With dozens of box office biggies like "Die Another Day," (the latest James Bond flick), the second Harry Potter installment, and "Gangs of New York," that hit movie theaters around Christmas for audiences to see, it is still easy to see that the "king" of all box offices smashes would have to be "The Lord of the Rings, the Two Towers."

The film is original, in the fact that all three films were made at once, so the audience does not see a difference in the appearance of the actors, the lighting, costuming, and other elements of the story.

The film has been a number one grossing film and is now past the \$14 million mark and is one of the biggest films in recent history to be made. The books have existed for years, but only now do people

(and computers) have the technology to take on such a film project as "The Lord of the Rings."

One of the most controversial things to happen among Hollywood and around the film is that the creature Golum is under debate, as to whether or not he should be up for any awards. Though Golum is a being of technology, there is an actor behind the computer-generated individual.

The film was full of new and outstanding visual effects, amazing creatures, and magnificent presence from actors leaving audience members gasping in their seats. The story may be old but has brought new life to it as a film full of action and adventure. The film has even brought new readers to the book, and new editions and collectors have come to fans.

A cult seems to be forming around the film as fanatics are developing obsessions over

the film and new books. Video games, trading cards, and nameless other items are popping up all over in stores and movie theaters. Even the infamous ring is being sold in "knock off" amounts.

The film has brought new fans to both the book and movie, and has become a triumph for Hollywood as a big money maker, while creating a masterpiece in the process.



ZZZZZZ!! Sleeping in class is like sand through the hour glass it is something that just tends to happen. Whitney Bon, junior, is caught here catching some Zzzzz during one of her classes.

Photo by: Diana Flores

Catching zzz's in class

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

Four periods a day with 85-90 minutes per class students tend to get easily bored. From sleeping all period, to playing around or drawing little gadgets on their work sheets, students are running out of things to do in class. But the question is why are students getting so bored in their classes? Is it the parties that are going on during a school night, or is it the certain time that students are going to sleep? Some say that students tend to get bored due to the long and boring lectures that teachers give, when actually it is not always the lectures that teachers give, but it is the students.

In every class that goes on during a normal day of school there is almost always a student to be found sleeping away while class is going on. But only some teachers let the students get away with it. Lisa Perkins, Head of the Resource Room, is one of the many teachers who will not

tolerate those students who wish to slack in class. Students go in and out of the Resource Room everyday for help with work that they get in class. Some students try to take Perkins and the Resource Room for granted by sleeping and messing around when they should be working.

"I tell them either get to work or get out!"

Perkins thinks that most students sleep in class due to the little sleep that they get at night. She says they usually sleep the whole period, refuse to do their work, or talk to friends.

Students, of course, have a different perspective about the situation. They think that if nothing interesting is going on in class then why not sleep or find something to do besides listening to the teacher. Sophomore, Cindy Hernandez admits to playing with her calculator in the middle of her Math class while Bierbaum attempts to entertain the students.

"If students fall asleep in class, he makes them stand up the whole period," said Hernandez.

She thinks the reason that

Terror in the eyes of seniors

Chelsea Altman
Reporter

Just two words can bring terror to many high school students across the country. The mere sound is enough to make their eyes grow to amazing sizes. All that has to be mentioned to get this kind of reaction is the senior paper.

It is a known fact; everyone has to write the senior paper whether they want to or not. It gives every student the chance to write about anything they want for a very important grade. It is all about the research and proper planning, which can take weeks at a time. No one can graduate without it... or can they?

According to the English Department, what was once thought as a mandatory assignment could be no more.

"The idea is to make the paper not so mandatory," said Senior English Teacher, Mollie Franz. With as hard as it can be for some, more and more students are failing the senior paper. If they do, they must take it again to get full credit.

"So many kids fail the paper," said Franz. "Really, not that many, but it's still

hard to say they failed the course."

The English Department's new idea is to put the paper in a course that will be labeled as an English elective: Composition and Advanced Composition.

"The Composition [section] is focused on using research with the internet and other reference materials," said English Department Head, Susan Boesch. "The Advanced Composition is to further those skills but in a [multi]media format."

For students who are going for a Core-40 diploma, this means it will be an elective. However, the Honors students are strongly encouraged to take the course before graduating.

This idea is North Side's only, which means no other school is involved at this time. Still, this dramatic change is bound to cause some confusion and will take time to adjust to the school system.

Through the current semester, the old rules still stand. Every student must write the paper to graduate from high school. Some feel that it is necessary, and then some do not.

Maybe this new idea will relieve those who worry about writing the paper in the future.

students fall asleep or lose track in class is because all the teachers do is talk. Hernandez feels that class should be a time to learn but also to enjoy learning and having fun at the same time. Some say that high schools last four years are the best years of a student's life. School is not a time to play around but a time to learn. But there are good times

to count on in high school. The NSHS mission statement states,

"The mission of the North Side community is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop a lifelong plan involving academic, personal, and social skills necessary for graduation and success."

As the ball drops



AS THE BALL drops people all around the world attend the celebration in New York of the new upcoming year of 2003 for the 98th year. With this new year came many new year resolutions.

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

or finally obtained Honor Roll for the first time.

The reasons for aspiring to improve life vary greatly, but they all boil down to the same basic point - to make life easier.

"I want to drive," said Audrey Wendling, freshman.

This year, Wendling has resolved to get her driver's permit after she turns fifteen.

Sticking to resolutions can be rather difficult for some, while others do not have any trouble following through.

"I think that if I actually study [for the written test], I'll stick to it and do it," said Wendling.

Not all people make resolutions, though. Jerry Anderson, Assistant Principal, does not believe that if you want to improve something about yourself you have to wait until the New Year to start working on it.

"I don't have any [resolutions]," said Anderson.

On The Down
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with.....
Diana Flores

How does the
toilet know
when to flush?

Senior



Tiara Kincaide
"It's butt activated."

Junior



Marcus Falkner
"It scans your butt."

Sophomore



Seth Johnson
"The toilet recognizes your butt."

Freshman



Nancy Villanueva
"It is made with a
computer chip."

SPORTS

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Color guard flags fly high

Amanda Fromm
Guest Reporter

As the Mighty Marching Redskins started out the 2002 District competition, tap, tap, tap was blasted by snare drums into the ears of the huge crowd, and all were amazed to see a fantasy of blue, sparkling flags performed with no flaws by the North Side Color Guard. Naturally the color guard had some knowledge as to what the season would hold, but nobody was ready for the great season and all of the hard work they had to put into it. Laurie Kemper, senior Color Guard Captain, said,

"We sacrificed a lot of our time, friends, studies, and families to make this season look great."

Also some Color Guard members marched with injuries, and they still put everything they had into the outcome of the show. Sarah Hansen, junior, said,

"I marched on a sprained ankle, and everybody else had to deal with everyone's complaining."

In addition to the hard work and effort put into the show, the guard also had to work on personal problems and working as a team. The

Color Guard is not a one-person show. Everyone had to work together as a whole to make everything this season happen. Sarah Lomont, senior Color Guard Captain, said,

"The way our Color Guard is here at North Side, you have to perform from other's [consider other's] emotions and get along with everybody to make things happen."

"Team work is very important for the Color Guard as a whole, because if we don't get along then we are all off count we look really bad. Plus our attitudes reflect us and that either contributes to the success or the downfall of the Guard," said Robin Gingrich, freshman.

Nevertheless when working with a team of fifteen girls, it is hard to accomplish things. Nobody got exactly what they wanted. But everything the color guard had to suffer made everything worthwhile. At the East Noble competition towards the end of September, early October, the guard won the Auxiliary Award for best Color Guard. Lomont, said,

"They have improved tremendously since band camp."

"Since summer band we have improved a lot. All of us sucked in summer band and with all of our hard work, we have excelled," said Gingrich.

"We have performed really well and at every competition we became one."

When the 2002 regional competition started, the Guard marched onto the cold and wet field of Chesterton High School in Chesterton, Indiana, with heads held high and gave the crowd everything they had to give, but the Mighty Marching Redskins did not make it into State finals. Many say that the regional competition was the best performance of the whole 2002 marching season, and even though the band did not make it to state finals, everybody was proud of the way everyone performed. Alyssa Logan, sophomore, said,

"I think we did great at our regional performance, and I don't know why we didn't make it to state. Because our show this season was perfect. It frustrates me that we didn't make it, because the seniors deserved to have their moment of glory. They didn't get that chance."

As every group has their downfalls and the color guard has endured most of them, they are ready to start next season and dominate next year.



ERIC McCARROL JUMPS his way into a new record! Here you can see a picture of McCarrol performing one of his record jumps. McCarrol is known for his record breaking jump of 25' 2".

Photo submitted by: Eric McCarrol and Marsha Flora

New Upcoming Sports Events

Saturday, January 25

8:30 AM - V Wrestling
S.A.C. Meet (Snider - A)
11:30 AM - V G
Gymnastics vs. Carter
Classic (Concordia - A)

Tuesday, January 28

3:45 PM - V B/G
Swimming vs.
Concordia/Nrp (South
Side Pool - A)
6:15 PM - Freshman G
Basketball vs. Carroll
(Carroll - A)
6:15 PM - Var/Res G
Basketball vs. Carroll
(Carroll - A)

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 PM - Var/Res G
Gymnastics vs.
Concordia (Concordia - A)

Thursday, January 30

6:15 PM - Frosh/Reserve
B Basketball vs. Northrop
(Main Gym/NS - H)
6:15 PM - Frosh/Reserve
G Basketball vs.
Northrop (Northrop - A)
6:30 PM - Var/Res G
Gymnastics vs. Wayne
(Stadium Gym/NS - H)

Friday, January 31

6:15 PM - V G Basketball
vs. Northrop (Main Gym/
NS - H)
8:00 PM - V B Basketball
vs. Northrop (Main Gym/
NS - H)

Monday, February 3

6:45 PM - Var/Res G
Gymnastics vs.
Huntington (Huntington - A)

Tuesday, February 4

6:15 PM - Freshman B
Basketball vs. Dekalb
(Dekalb - A)
6:15 PM - Var/Res B
Basketball vs. Dekalb
(Dekalb - A)

Wednesday, February 5

6:00 PM - Freshman G
Basketball vs. Woodlan
(Woodlan - A)
6:00 PM - Var/Res G
Basketball vs. Woodlan
(Woodlan - A)
6:30 PM - Var/Res G
Gymnastics vs. Snider
(Stadium Gym/NS - H)

Thursday, February 6

6:15 PM - Freshman B
Basketball vs. Concordia
(Concordia - A)

Friday, February 7

6:15 PM - Freshman G
Basketball vs. Concordia
(Main Gym/NS - H)
6:15 PM - Var/Res G
Basketball vs. Concordia
(Main Gym/NS - H)

Athletic sport spotlight

Paul Short
Sports Editor

Association) Division 1 All-American. Then McCarrol made a transfer from Ball State to Indiana University from 1981-1983. In 1983 he became the Big Ten Conference Champion (indoor). Also in 1983, he made the fifth all time best long jump of IU with a leap of 25' 8". Once again in 1983, he made another NCAA Division 1 All-American.

While the 2004 Olympics are just around the corner, the first thing that comes to mind are world-class athletes. Nobody would have thought that North Side's Conflict Mediator, Eric McCarrol, used to be one of them.

McCarrol owns the fifth all time best long jump in Indiana with a 25' 2" leap. McCarrol started his track career at Wayne High School. While in his senior year, he finished second in the 1978 State Championships. McCarrol was the very first area high school athlete to jump 24 feet or better.

From Wayne High School, he continued his career at Ball State University from 1978-1981. In 1979, he was the team co-MVP (Most Valuable Player), and in 1981, he was the MVP by himself.

In 1981, he was on the NCAA (National College Athletic

Next time there is a track meet, be on the look out for some up and coming athletes; they could be the next generation of all-stars.

Bowling season begins with a bang

Paul Short
Sports Editor

As the ball return shoots out another ball, there is the sound of another bowler rolling a ball down the lane. As the ball whips across the floor, the sound of the pins crashing down fills the air.

When the sound of laughter fills the air, someone cannot help but think of the warmth of happiness, but the sound that is heard is the sound of people having fun at the bowling alley. Junior Greg Ludwiski said,

"I started bowling in a Saturday morning youth league when I was only 8-years-old and have been ever since."

Now-a-days he enjoys bowling for the North Side Redskins as he helps lead the team to victories.



we just bowl some games and work on individual problems."

Junior Raina Lyons has not been bowling since a young age like Ludwiski, she started when she was in her freshman year. Lyons said,

"During practice, we bowl regular games, but we concentrate more on picking up our spares."

Chemistry is important to any team. Ludwiski said,

"The guys get along real well. We've never had any major problems."

Lyons said, "The girls have had their ups and downs, but overall we are doing the best we can."

Lyons only has one objective when she is up to bowl; that is to knock down a whole lot of pins. That is pretty much about as much as anyone can do when they are up to bowl. With the rest of their long season still to come, Ludwiski said,

"There are some good people on the North Side bowling team. North Side bowling rules!"

Sports injuries change students' attitudes

Gena Lee
Guest Reporter

With so many injured athletes sport injuries may be proven to be contagious. Since the end of fall sports and the beginning of winter there have been a total of 26 sport injuries. There were 21 in the fall and 5 in the winter.

"Most injuries are during practice," Vicki Wilkerson, Athletic Secretary, said. "Football is were most of the injuries happen."

Troy McKee, freshman, fractured his ankle and cracked his growth plate during a football game against Concordia's freshmen team.

"I felt awful when I walked on my leg, but it didn't hurt much," McKee said. "Now I get tired from using my crutches so much."

When this is all over I'm going to be so tired, because I'm going to have to rebuild my muscle in my left leg."

"Troy McKee rolled up on another player and broke his ankle," Wilkerson said. Wilkerson provided this information from the file.

However McKee said, "A teammate fell on the back of my leg during a kick return."

Ashley Wray, freshman, was also an injured player this year. Wray, who runs cross-country, did not know she had a stress fracture until early September.

"It was painful for awhile but it doesn't hurt a lot," Wray said.

Wray's identical twin sister, Amber, has the same fracture on the same leg.

"We didn't get a stress

fracture at the same time. I had mine sooner," Wray said. "All I have to say is I'll be ready for next year!"

The team was down by a lot, so I stopped caring. I started using improper tackling techniques," Stuart said. "I started using my head to ram into the other players, and I passed out. The next thing I knew, I was waking up in the hospital."

The injury Clarence Stuart received was suspected head and neck injury.

The EMS came and took him to the hospital. I found out later it was a concussion," Wilkerson said.

"I didn't really receive a concussion. What it's called is hematoma, a broken blood vessel, blood tumor," Stuart said. "It required surgery but I should be fine."

"For my pain, I took a lot of pain killers," Stuart said. "I'm not allowed to play

any high risk contact sports for at least two years which makes me mad because I wanted to finish the season of football. It was only the second game I was injured in. I also wanted to wrestle. Now I can't."

"I think Clarence Stuart was the most serious injury this year," said Wilkerson. "It's so unfortunate for students with injuries. Clarence Stuart is one of the good guys, the leader of the team."

These three injuries were not the only injuries of the year so far. There are many more, and probably even more to come. Ending on a good note, all the injured players should be fine within the next couple months or so.



"We didn't get a stress

FEATURES

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Two notebooks and a pencil

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

My life sucks. Here is why.

At 4:30 A.M., I am jolted awake by the sound of my alarm. My mother does not believe in alarm clocks when there is a growing teenager that can wake up for her at any ungodly hour. After about a ten minute sleep attempt, I am then summoned into the infamous babies' room to begin my sisterly duties. Babies need to be maintained, so feeding, changing and clothing are a necessity. Only then do I get the opportunity to get myself ready for a marvelously exciting day. Every morning I am graciously treated to a freezing cold shower. Because I take the longest to get ready, my parents feel the undying need to get rid of each and every last drop of moderately comfortable water and leave me with the lip-quivering, spine-tingling ice bath that stings like a million snowballs on bare skin. Oh, and no time for breakfast; the babies need to get to the sitter's.

Then, at school, I am faced with the usual perils of being me. Demanding classes, angry friends and hideous deadlines are just a few examples of my troubles. It is hard enough with all these, but adding in the fact that my locker is a piece of crap and some JERK stole two graphing calculators out of it does not help the situation. To add insult to injury, the locker is in a blind spot so the cameras cannot spot the culprit, but even if it was not, pictures are only taken once every 16 seconds so my chances of catching them are even slimmer.

After school, there is the despicable task of waiting for my ride. My van broke down three months or so ago and is still not fixed, leaving me at the mercy of whoever is designated to drive me home. Usually I am waiting until about 4:30, but sometimes I am forgotten until about 6 P.M.. I used to use this time to write epic tales about the people I observed on the front steps while waiting, but after I took up a good two hours writing about the action-packed trials of "Pierced-Eyebrow Girl," it fell behind the "radiator of death" and was lost forever along with my career as a novelist.

When I finally do get home, I am welcomed by screaming kids, babies and parents. It is much like World War III, but I just escape to the semi-quiet haven of my room. There I record my day's adventure in my journal until I encounter flying cotton balls from one of my various little brothers. As punishment for hurling my shoe at him, I am forced to once again maintain the babies. This time, though, it consists of feeding, bathing and clothing, followed shortly afterwards by putting them to bed.

To end a most adventurous day, I attempt homework in vain, give up and fall asleep, only to begin again the vicious, consuming cycle that has become my legacy. God help us all.



MANY ROUGH HOURS is what the performers of the One Acts have put into their play. The performers hope that the play is a success.

Photo by: Ashley Alfeld

Seniors make directorial debuts

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Ladies and gentlemen this year North Side's very own are proud to present the new one acts! This year's one act plays come from directors Patty Rodda, senior, and Andrea Blackman, senior; both acts revolve around the insane world of playwrights and their works of art. The plays will be presented on January 22 at 7:00 pm in the North Side Auditorium.

Rodda and Blackman are both highly involved in the Drama Department here at North. Rodda is an Independent Study Technical Theater student and Blackman is a fourth year Advanced Drama student. Blackman is a very active actress in the productions put on in the fall, winter and spring; she has performed in seven here at North. Rodda has been the stage manager on most productions put on for the past two years and has been on crew since her freshman year.

Rodda and Blackman both

said they enjoy directing but prefer the other areas of drama they originally participated in. Rodda said,

"As a director, I have to make final decisions on all aspects of the show; sometimes the responsibilities can be overwhelming."

Blackman said that she feels that directing is more of a challenge, because the entire cast has to know what her vision for the production is so that they can portray the play and their characters better. Blackman said,

"I would rather have the responsibilities of an actor, because you're only responsible for yourself."

She also said that she enjoyed directing, because she gets the power to put forth ideas concerning everything with the show and not just acting. These two new directors are wishing for paramount performances from their casts as performance night approaches.

Both one acts take place in theaters as actors and directors perform or begin to perform their

Baby 'book is born

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Epic trials and triumphs of the roller coaster ride known as "high school life" is the basis of the 2002-03 *Legend*, and every turn of the page is another adventure.

This year's theme is "Choose Your Own Adventure." Sound familiar? The idea spawned off of the popular young adult books of the same name in which readers are allowed to decide upon certain paths that they would take in the same situation. Every selection the reader makes causes their adventure to be slightly more personalized thus adding a sense of ownership to the already exciting quest. The staff thought this would be an exceptional foundation for the yearbook.

"From the beginning," adviser Mrs. Marsha Flora said, "putting this book together has been an adventure. On the way home from camp, Ben Shown's truck broke down. Ben, Matt [Visocky], William [Holdeman] and Eric [Frank] were all stuffed in the back seat of my car. Eric rode all the way home from Indianapolis on the floor."

The conception of the theme was as adventurous as the actual idea itself. Usually the staff considers many theme ideas for the upcoming year before the current year's book even comes out. Then staff members attend camps over the summer to develop

and refine the theme. This year, before summer break, it was decided the theme was to be "360°." This all changed when the staff went to Butler University for yearbook camp.

"After struggling all day with the 360 theme," said Flora, "we decided to throw everything out the window and start all over again."

The staff proved their resilience and conquered this large drawback. The theme was developed over the four days of camp, and the staff was able to bring home third place for their hard work and dedication.

"It wasn't really that hard to come up with the development of the theme," senior editor-in-chief Matt Visocky said. "Once we decided on the theme we got most of the designing done in one night."

Deciding on this clever theme has not come without its fair share of hard work. In

ISSMA: Where stars are born

Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Most people hear a song and think nothing of it, but when ISSMA competitors hear a song they understand all of the hard work it takes to produce that piece of art.

"We practice for ISSMA all the time. We practice twice a week with Ms. Buttermore and an hour every night at home," said senior, Mike Kelly and junior, Travis Spangler.

ISSMA stands for the Indiana State School Music Association. ISSMA sponsors variations of music competitions for marching bands, soloists and ensembles, show choirs and concert choirs. Both Spangler and Kelly have earned a first place award in an ISSMA competition.

"To be in an ISSMA competition you have to be drug tested," said Spangler jokingly.

"You just have to be in choir and approved by

the principal to enter an ISSMA competition," said Kelly setting the record straight.

Both Kelly and Spangler have a certain wit to them, but they are both dedicated to their music and talk about it with a sense of solemn gratitude.

"I am involved in ISSMA because it's a challenge and it is very enjoyable to me. I love the competition," said Spangler.

An average practice starts by warming up, and practicing breathing. Then it proceeds by going through the song that is going to be sung at the ISSMA competition.

When a group like show choir competes in ISSMA competitions, they have a list of music they have to choose from. The song they sing has to be on the list. This list includes

classical art, English, foreign language, folk or spiritual music. That new tune from Disney's "Lilo and Stitch" is not something that would be heard there at the ISSMA competition from a concert choir. The district competitions are held at Wayne, and the state competitions are held at Lawrence Central in Indianapolis, Spangler said.

"I never feel like I am spending too much time practicing for ISSMA; in fact, sometimes I feel like I am not doing enough to prepare myself."

Kelly also advised if someone is considering competing in ISSMA they have to be dedicated, they cannot slack and skip practices.

The next competition for ISSMA is on February 1, 2003. Kelly and Spangler already have their pieces picked out and are practicing for the solo competition.

Kelly and Spangler said,

"If anyone would like autographs, we are here 'til Thursday."

Dancing cheek to cheek

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Ravishing and frilly dresses will flow through the doors of the Scottish Rite Auditorium, and shining faces will burst through weird and crude personalities for the biggest dance of the 2002-2003 school year.

Many North Side students and even staff members look forward to this year's semi-formal for various reasons. Danielle Moore, junior, said,

"It holds sentimental memories for me. I can spend time with my friends and dance to music."

On the other hand, some students never give much thought to extravagant event. Jason McKee, senior, said,

"To me, this is just an ordinary dance."

In addition coming to the semi-formal, several teens spend weeks shopping and hours and hours of careful planning working up to the event. Ayesha Shears, sophomore, said,

"I get my hair and nails done. Plus I have to make sure I look cute, and of course my

date has to look good, too."

While young students prepare for the event, others discard accessories all together. McKee said,

"It is pretty much a normal day for me. I just get my dress pants dry-cleaned and throw on a dress shirt; that's all really."

Although preparation is a big part of the dance, it is only half the story in some people's minds. Shears said,

"The semi-formal is an exhilarating experience for young students."

Nevertheless, people attending the dance very seldom think about the behind-the-scenes work and effort put into the outcome of the dance.

Julie McCoy, sophomore, said,

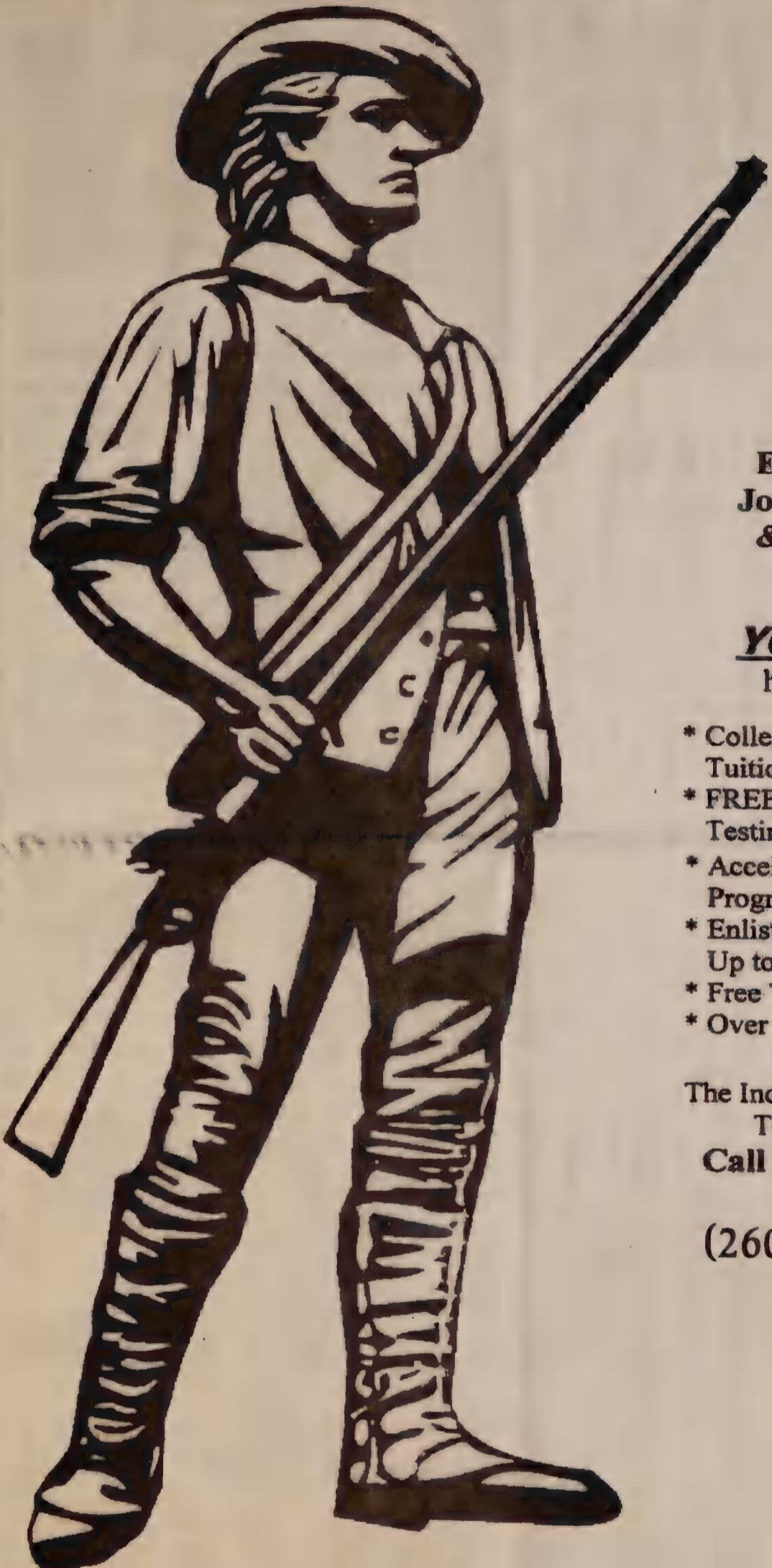
"We have to decorate, sell tickets, arrange a DJ, hire photographers and think of an intriguing theme."

The 2002-2003 school year semi-formal theme is movie stars and will be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on February 1, 2003. It starts promptly at 8 P.M. and will end at 11 p.m. The Student Council looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Semi-formal will be held Feb. 1 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.



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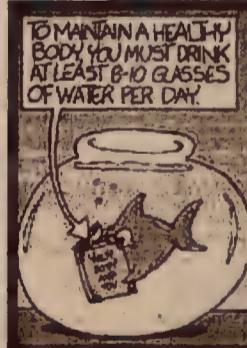
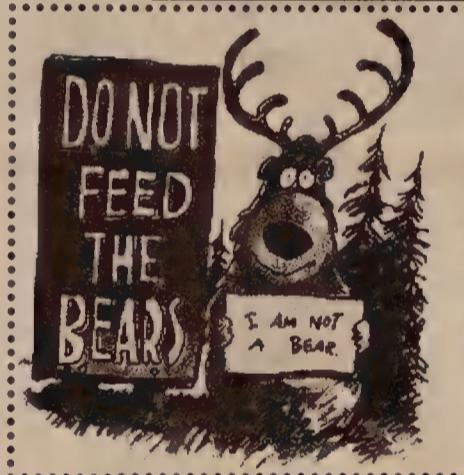


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Interns learn outside of the classroom

Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Thinking ahead to college, most students wonder what career goals are right for them. A way to find out is to be an intern. An internship is a temporary job that offers students a real-life exposure to the business world, allowing students to gain experience and identify what the pros and cons are of a certain career. It is true that interns usually go without pay, although often interns are offered a summer employment with the company.

"To get an internship, students must have a C+ or B-average, an excellent attendance record, no dean referrals, and a strong career interest," said Scott Borah, Business Department Head.

To apply for an internship, students need to fill out an application, get three teacher recommendations, and tell a counselor so it can be fit into the scheduling. Whitney Ertel, senior, said,

"I like being an intern because of all the great experiences that I have acquired."

There are over three hundred-fifty mentors who are willing to work with youths. Although internships are not available until a student's senior year, Borah advises that students should take classes that are related to a career interest.

"Even freshmen should take courses related to their favored career so that an internship will be an option when the time comes," said Borah.

Internships are not extra-curricular activities; internships are actually a part of schedules. Just like any other class, a grade and a credit are given for internships. Students who successfully complete an eighteen-week internship may find that scholarships are available along with possible full-time employment after higher education is completed.

Working as an intern can increase a student's self-esteem as a worker and develop awareness of the work forces' expectations. Ertel said,

"I really enjoy being an intern, because you get to get out of school and do something different."

By participating in an internship, students gain knowledge and experience first-hand. Internships help students determine what kind and level of education they will need after high school.

An internship looks good on both a college and a job application. Internships can give a student an advantage over other applicants in entering college and when entering the work force. Ertel interns at the East State Veterinary Clinic and the St. Joe Center Veterinary Hospital.

Ertel said, "While interning I assist with surgeries and do work that normal employees do such as cleaning cages and preparing for surgeries; only I do it without pay."

The biggest difference between a job and an internship is a job pays in money; in an internship, only knowledge is gained. Ertel said,

"I would advise students to go for an internship; it is a great experience."

Students cram for all possible sleep

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Alarms all over the city are beeping loudly around 6:30 in the morning. Students press the snooze button trying to get just five extra minutes of sleep.

"I hit the snooze button at least twice," said freshman, Robin Gingrich.

"I have my alarm set for 6:30, but I don't get up until seven o'clock," said senior, Andy Bennett.

After working on the school projects or assignments or just relaxing after a day of stress, students hit the sack somewhere between eleven and twelve o'clock at night salvaging a maximum of

six and a half hours of sleep.

"I lay in bed for thirty minutes before I get up," said sophomore, Sharon Wight.

As the eight o'clock bell rings, most students appear at their desks with brains that are still turned off.

"Staring at a computer screen for eighty-five minutes when you are only halfway awake is hard," said Gingrich.

"Friends say I'm grouchy in the mornings," said Wight.

What time do Redskins feel they should arrive in first period? The most common opinion was ten o'clock.

"Most people are more responsive later in the day," said Wight.

Gingrich agrees, because she would get two extra hours of sleep.

sidering a war with Iraq, students may not even feel the effects or acknowledge the presence of a war. Mendez said,

"It [the war] doesn't really affect all of us, but then again, some don't really understand that we are going to fight."

As a war may cause many deaths and a large amount of destruction, some look forward to the thrill of a new beginning. Mendez said,

"Basically, I like wars because they are exciting. Then again there are affects, most commonly death, but winning a war is a huge accomplishment for us."

However, other students at North Side think differently. Rachael Congdon, junior, said,

"Personally I think a war should not take place. All it causes is more problems for

the United States."

With many people seeing this war as a horrendous mistake, a handful of citizens know that when the United States fights a third world country, huge amounts of commotion will erupt. Mendez said,

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Impending war strikes close to home

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

As a war with Iraq rapidly approaches, students and staff members at North Side may soon feel grief, sorrow, and pain. Many students in the coming months will be shipped off to various countries in the Middle East to fight to try to disarm Saddam Hussein from his weapons of mass destruction.

Students here at North Side have been preparing for this war for many months; some for many years. Matt Mendez, senior, said,

"I am an army brat, so I started training early. There are programs to get involved if you really want to fight for our country, but the earliest you can start is at age seventeen."

Although the Bush Administration is heavily con-

cerned about the United States."

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Interns have the chance to gain real work experience in the field of their choice. As seen here, senior, Whitney Ertel, oversees an operation performed by a veterinarian during her internship.

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OPINION

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Missing childhood memories



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Remember the good old days when school used to be all about recess and finger-painting? Boy do I miss those times. I think it is ironic that when we were little, all we wanted to do is run around and have fun without a care in the world. However, we always had a naptime scheduled in the middle of school. Now that we are growing up and worn out from all the responsibilities, we do not get a much-needed naptime. What sort of sense does that make? I need naps now more than I ever did when I was little. Maybe I should start a petition requesting a scheduled naptime every day at school. Maybe I will throw in a request for some finger-paints as well.

Recently a group of friends and I were all together talking, and somehow we started reminiscing about what school was like when we were younger and what fond memories we all have. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were five years old running around playing hide-and-go seek, and now we are standing here in our teens working our way into adulthood. Wow, I guess time really does fly when you are having fun.

Remember all of the awesome things we had back in the "old school" days. There were the hot and cold lunch packs, the art projects, and learning our abc's for the very first time. Jeez, I wish the hardest thing I had to do at school was memorize my abc's. Out of all the exciting things about school in the earlier days, recess was the ultimate fun time. Remember playing box ball, kickball, and the coolest game was tetherball. Then there was the bubble, the cheese, and the horse (a.k.a. the ham and the bread); these were some of the most elite of the recess playground equipment. I even remember the crazy 80's style clothes we wore, too. Looking back all I can say is, "What were we thinking?" There were the long sweaters, the tight straight-legged jeans, stirrup pants, crimped hair, mullets, and rat-tails. Those were the good old days.

Though there were some really good times back in the day, there are things right now that are great, too. Now we can drive, party, and be more independent than before. School is not all that bad now either. There is um... there is... uh... well there is something good about school I just cannot seem to think of anything right now, but I am sure there is something. Only joking. School at North Side has actually been quite a blast, although it would have been better if there was LESS homework involved. All I know is high school has been a lot of fun, and although the younger years were amazing, I would not go back for anything.



Diana Flores
Opinion editor

Receiving gifts on special occasions, going to the movies and hanging out, or the most fun of them all, going to semi-formal and prom with that special someone. Going through years of school students tend to float from relationship to relationship. From holding hands while walking down the hallway to broken hearts and never forgiving, high school students keep exploring by getting involved in serious relationships. But does anyone of them know when they actually find their one and only real love?

Junior, Julia Hogle is far head over heels for her boyfriend Dustin Arnett, sophomore. The two have been dating for one year and seven months now and met through their siblings. Which by the way both parents of the two lovebirds think that it is great that they are dating. Hogle says

The key to long-lasting relationships

the key to their relationship is love, and compassion. The couple spends time together by going to the movies and spending time with friends and family. They both think it is great that they attend the same school. They say it gives them more time to see each other and walk each other to their classes.

"It's worth the wild!" said Hogle.

Preparing for special oc-



Dynasti Prince, junior, and Lamar Striverson, junior.
Photo by: Diana Flores

casions such as semi-formal and prom is what all couples wait for every year. Just like juniors, Dynasti Prince and Lamar Striverson are doing

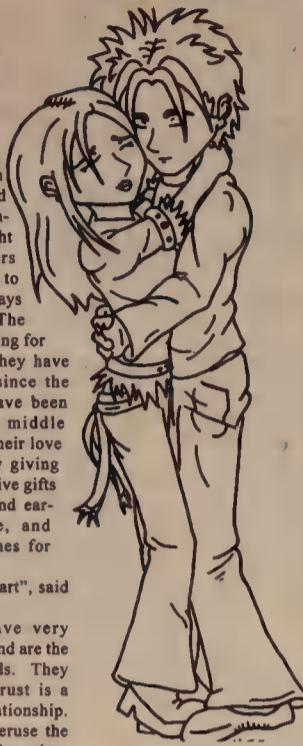
seen below. From buying the dress and tuxedo to a fancy dinner before the big night the two puppy lovers have spent already up to 250 dollars. Prince says it is all worth it. The couple have been dating for a year in a half. They have known each other since the eighth grade and have been best friends since middle school. They show their love to each other by giving special and expensive gifts such as jewelry and earrings for Prince, and clothes and watches for Striverson.

"He is my heart", said Prince.

The two have very much in common and are the best of best friends. They both agree that trust is a huge part of a relationship. And in order to pursue the relationship further they must learn to cooperate and also be opened minded.

Some say that young students in high school involved in serious relationships know nothing about true love. But students here at school have a different answer to that. Love at first sight might be a lie, but students take

Drawing by: Chelsi Altman



the risk of experiencing love and getting broken hearts. Sometimes long-lasting relationships lead to a lifetime of marriage and forming a family. So in order to find out someone has to try it out for themselves, and if they fall down just brush it off, get up and move on.

Taking a step into the real world

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

IPFW, Purdue, and Ivy Tech are a few of the many colleges that have been getting impressive applications from eager seniors here at North Side.

Most of the seniors who are planning to attend colleges have different views for this opportunity since freshman year. However, some have different views on why college should be an important decision for the future. Tiara Kincade, senior, said,

"In my eyes, if you don't go to college then you don't get a profitable job."

In addition to actually applying to college, students have to meet the requirements and standards that various colleges set. Ruth Barbre, secretary, said,

"Ninety eight percent of



all colleges look for students SAT and scores, GPA and the students is aiming for an Academic Honors or Core 40 diploma."

However students attitudes and behaviors towards high school reflect college success. Kathryn Hinga, senior, said,

"If students don't have the drive to do things in high school, then obviously their college plans are going to show it. You just have to be willing to work."

Although applying and considering and choosing a college may seem to be a never-ending process, the adventure could be very rewarding.

Popular Valentine gifts for 2003!



What is everyone getting their special someone this year?

1. Build a bear at Glenbrook Mall (range from 15-25 dollars)
2. Flowers and chocolates (10- 100 dollars)
3. Jewelry (25 cents machine bought or 50+)
4. Movie Tickets (7 dollars, plus snacks)
5. A day spent with the one you love...PRICELESS



"Best in Show" wins best show

Chrissy Robinson and Blane Pressler
Reporter and Co-Features Editor

Frantic hairdressers scurrying about, cameras bulbs are flashing and catching every aspect of high-strung temperaments of the "models" anticipating their debuts. No, this is not a fashion shoot. It is a dog show.

Best in Show is a profound movie about the lives and loves of a group of dog owners and their quest for

the prestigious title of "Grand Champion" in the Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show. The movie is filmed in a documentary style and boasts a deliriously hysterical cast including Parker Posey (*Scream 3*), Jennifer Coolidge (*Legally Blonde*), Catherine O'Hara (*Home Alone*) and Eugene Levy (*American Pie*). These talented actors portray their characters very amazingly.

Posey is astounding as the yuppie J. Crew freak that is overly obsessed with her dog, a disgruntled Weimeriner, and

the passion to win. O'Hara and Levy are out of control as the husband-wife duo who drive across the country in an RV with their beloved Yorkshire Terrier. Coolidge is phenomenal as the gold-digging wife of an extremely old man and the owner of Butch, a two-time Best in Show Poodle.

This movie comes from the same director as *Waiting for Guffman* and was filmed in a rather unusual way. The actors were not given specific lines, but instead the freedom to improvise openly, making

this film sharp and original. The situations are zany, and the monologues are breath taking.

All in all, this movie is a stepping-stone toward new and better filmmaking. The dialogue is fresh and funny, and the casting and directing are genius. This one-of-a-kind movie is out on video and can be rented for the low, low price of \$.49 at Scott's, making it a cheap thrill for any lonely night.

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Diana Flores
What big
celebrity do
you wish to

be your
Valentine?

Librarian

Steve
Ankenbruck

"Reese
Witherspoon,
because of her
acting talent."

Senior

Terrance
McKinney

"Halle Berry, she
got dat good!"

Junior

Tina
Mikobi

"Will Smith, he's
sexy and looks
good in black."
Sophomore

Cindy
Hernandez

"Usher, because
he's got a nice body
and he's cute."



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Patchwork patches historical errors

Rita Whitman
Adviser

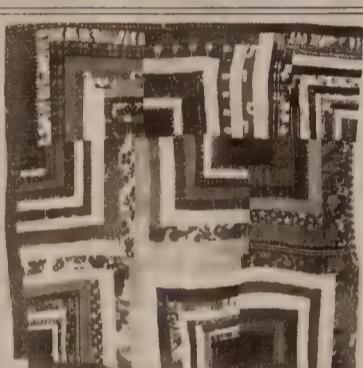
Eventually February rolls around; gray, gloomy skies surround the world. Or so it seems. But every February, all of North America gears up to celebrate Black History Month which provides another bright spot for an otherwise boring month (Obviously, there is little need to mention Valentine's Day — retailers take care of the holiday very nicely, thanks.)

First a little bit of history about Black History Month needs to be covered. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. Woodson was born to parents who were former slaves and did not enter high school until he was 20-years-old. He had been busy working in the coal mines of Kentucky until then. He finished high school in two years and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. Woodson is probably best known for his passion to write black Americans into the US history books. In 1926, Woodson's long-time dream to celebrate black history came true with Negro History Week being celebrated the second week in February. Over time, Negro History Week transformed itself into a longer celebration over the course of the entire month of February. In 1976, February then became designated as Black History Month.

Certainly, no historical celebration of the African-American experience in the US would be complete without a quick look at what came out of the deplorable practice of slavery which took place a couple of hundred years ago. This practice created a terrific struggle that had to be overcome by people of color in this country. Of course, discrimination

and prejudice still continue throughout the world, but things have changed greatly because of the writings and deeds of people like Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Frederick Douglass. These pathfinders set the stage for changes and helped slaves in ways that are just now being completely discovered and celebrated to their fullest extent.

Ironically, Boston was a central slave port in the 1600s, but it also had an active abolitionist movement by the 1700s. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was a pioneer in the movement to abolish slavery and passed the law to end it in 1783.



AN EXAMPLE OF a quilt shown in the book *The Quilts of Gee's Bend*. It depicts descendants of slaves, turning out beautiful quilts like this one.

With this positive contribution to ridding the country of despicable practice, the underground railroad formed and helped over 2,500 slaves per year toward safety. Harriet Tubman will go down in history as the single most determined participant in the underground railroad, but it is also interesting to note that over 3,200 people formed a network to make certain that slaves could escape either to free states or to Canada.

At the Kendallville Apple Festival a couple of years ago, there was a presentation called, "Seven Quilts for Seven Sisters." This presentation was a compilation of songs, stories,

and quilts that depict the lives of slaves and the drive to escape via the underground railroad. One of the most significant portions of the program was that the sisters' grandmother had been a slave. She had quilted, along with other slaves, to provide comfort and beauty for their cabins. One of the sisters portrayed through song and a presentation of quilts, that quilts were used to signal to escaping slaves that a house was safe or unsafe to enter. Blankets were quilted with one side decorated with red designs and the other side decorated with black designs. If the red side was hung in the front window facing out, it meant that it was safe

for the runaway slaves to enter that house. But if the black side faced outward, it was unsafe. What a beautiful peace of history the sisters had to share.

From lyrics by the late Bob Marley, his song says,

"Emancipate yourself from the mental slavery; none but ourselves can free our minds."

These lyrics certainly point the way to introduce several black intellectuals, writers, and musicians who paved the way for the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s. WEB.

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world.

No Black History Month celebration would be complete without mentioning Martin Luther King, Jr. An activist, he led the Civil Rights Movement which finally led to improved conditions for African-Americans across the states. His famous speech, "I Have a Dream," will be remembered by all who ever heard it or who reads it today.

Have some fun and celebrate Black History Month by learning to count to five in Swahili — an old, but modern language of Africa. Here goes: 1. Moja [mow'-jah]; 2. Mbili [uhm'-bee'-lee]; 3. Tatu [tah'-too]; 4. Nne [uhm'-nay]; 5. Tano [tah'-no].

Or how about a game of Mankala — an amusement enjoyed throughout Africa? Using an egg carton, have players place four beans in each cup. The first player empties one cup and places one bean each

into the next four cups. The player then empties the fifth cup and drops one each of the five beans into the next five cups. The player continues "sowing" the beans until reaching an empty cup to contain the last bean. The second player begins at any cup and duplicates the "sowing" system. Scoring awards a point for any player whose last seed falls in a cup containing three beans. The player receives all four beans. When only eight beans remain, the next player claims them. The player with the most beans wins the game.

In closing, Jesse Jackson once remarked in a speech given to the 1984 San Francisco Democratic National Convention,

"Our nation is a rainbow — red, yellow, brown, black, and white — and we're all precious."

What a great quote to examine for Black History Month.

Two notebooks and a pencil



Crissy Robinson
Columnist

As I frantically scramble to complete my ever-growing repertoire of things that need to be done, I am enthralled by the way the reflection on the television in Spanish teacher Julio Garcia's class looks like you are actually watching an action-packed episode of "Clase de Espanol!" That is when it hits me; maybe I have a bit of a procrastination problem.

It has not always been this way. I used to be able to get an assignment, do it right then in class and be able to go home and have the rest of the day to myself. These days, though, I am not as concerned about my deadlines and due-dates and prefer to take more "me-time."

I might have pointed my problem. I think I am just too easily distracted. Take last week, for example. On the way to school, I had an ample amount of time in the car to read the two chapters in *The Scarlet Letter* that I had failed to complete for homework. Hey, I might have had the whole entire weekend, but my family just got a big-screen television. I spent the majority of my time eating and watching the "Two Fat Ladies" marathon on Food Network. There is something strangely and freakishly appetizing about two, large, lovin' ladies making crème Brûlée and meat pies while they cruise around in a motorcycle and sidecar.

Anyway, instead of joining Hester Prynne in her quest for righteousness, I savored the chocolate and creamy palatability of Little Debbie's Zebra Cakes.

Upon arriving at school, I then went to my usual sitting spot in the English hallway and further enjoyed the rest of my delectable snack. After finishing, I then day-dreamed about my beautiful big-screen and, much to my horror, those two fat ladies. Maybe it is too much of a good thing.

Due to all this, my grades have somewhat faltered, and I am developing a bit of an ulcer from all the stress. Maybe I should refrain from any further procrastination. I will overcome this starting NOW! Never again will I be plagued by accumulating assignments and late night cramming. I will be the productive student I once was! Well, maybe after one more Zebra Cake.

Cupid's arrows strike again

Wannetta Gause
Reporter

Falling hearts, cupid's arrows, and chocolate candy

fill minds all over the world as Valentine's Day approaches. Some students favor the Valentine's Day tradition and all of the things that come with it. Destiny Lamousin, sophomore, said,

"I like Valentine's Day, because I get a lot of candy. Plus it is a day to show the one you love how you truly feel."

However some students dislike the Valentine's Day love like freshman Richard Corey, who said,

"It is okay I do not like it; it is just another day that passes by."

Some think of Valentine's Day as a day for lovers, best friends, and family to get together and have a lot of fun together.

"It is for (kissy-kissy) lovers to get together and rejoice in the wonderful day of love,"

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One of two



Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Part of a matching set and a future employee of the Rave Theater, another North Side student shares her story.

Born and raised right here in Fort Wayne, sophomore Virginia George has settled at North Side for her high school career.

The only other schools George has attended were Frank Park, her elementary school, and Northwest, her middle school.

"I like Fort Wayne; it feels like a nice place to live," said George.

Driving, a privilege once in the far-off distance for everybody, is coming into view for George.

"I don't have a driver's li-

cense, but I drive," said George.

George hopes to obtain her license in June when she and her sister will be able to drive their mother's van.

Also in the close future for George is the end of high school. George plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington, where she plans to study to become a veterinarian.

George had one thought that she would like to share with the world.

"Live your life now, because you won't be young forever," said George.

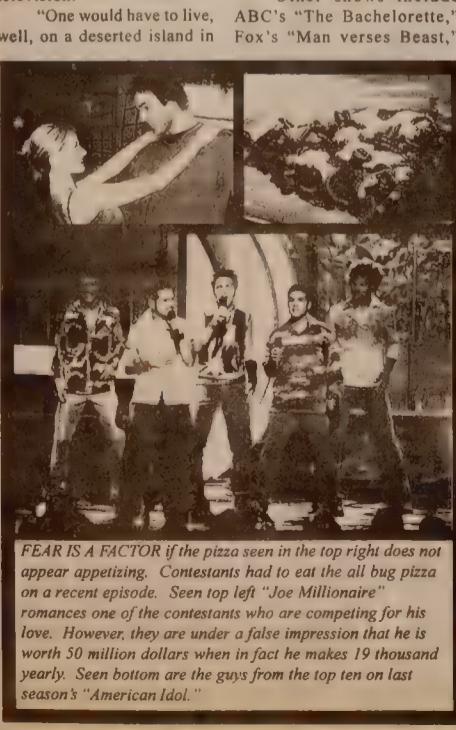
George and her sister, Tessa George, also a sophomore, share a special bond; they are twins.

"[Having a twin] feels good, because you always know you have a friend to talk to," said George.

"Is there really a special bond between twins or is the bond the same as it is between any other set of siblings?" George believes that the bond is indeed slightly different between twins.

"I like Fort Wayne; it feels like a nice place to live," said George.

"You're a little closer," said George.



FEAR IS A FACTOR if the pizza seen in the top right does not appear appetizing. Contestants had to eat the all bug pizza on a recent episode. Seen top left "Joe Millionaire" romances one of the contestants who are competing for his love. However, they are under a false impression that he is worth 50 million dollars when in fact he makes 19 thousand yearly. Seen bottom are the guys from the top ten on last season's "American Idol."

REALLY ON REALITY TV

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

Having nothing to do one night, a typical American decides to watch television. Sure enough, the first thing to be seen after the picture is clear is none other than a reality TV show.

After the highly anticipated debut of CBS's "Survivor", reality TV shows have been swarming many different television channels on broadcast, cable, and even satellite television.

"One would have to live, well, on a deserted island in

the South China Sea, not to be swept up by the recent wave of reality television," said reporter, Beth Rowen.

Fox's hit series "American Idol" has just started off on its second season and is still soaring high in the ratings.

"I think the whole reason this has become a boom is the people have become invested with the show, and they want to see their favorite move on," said "American Idol" host, Ryan Seacrest.

Other shows include

ABC's "The Bachelorette,"

Fox's "Man Versus Beast,"

"Joe Millionaire,"

and "The Real World."

MTV's "The Real World,"

NBC's "Fear Factor" and many more.

"No matter what anyone

says about reality TV, there is

something intriguing about

watching these kinds of

shows," said reporter Colin

Coates. "The idea of watching

the lives of ordinary

people unfolding before the

viewer's eyes is without

question, a spectacle of immense

interest. It's drama without

the script. And it's real life."

With a whole new set of shows starting off this year, people are starting to show their disgust for the phenomenon.

"It's all the same thing," said sophomore, Jessica Hesser. "...It's ridiculous stupid."

According to Mropinion.com, 68.9% of the visitors that take their site poll believe there are too many reality TV shows; leaving only 31.1% believing there is not enough or having no opinion at all.

"Sitcoms! I just like a lot more sitcoms," said Hesser.

Even though there are people who are fed up with the idea, fans from all over the world still show their support and look forward to more seasons of their favorite shows. After all, many would stop at nothing just to see normal people make a fool of themselves on TV.

As for the years to come, no one knows where reality TV will end up. Many have their own views as to where it might go, but with its current popularity, it is not going to begin to fade anytime soon.



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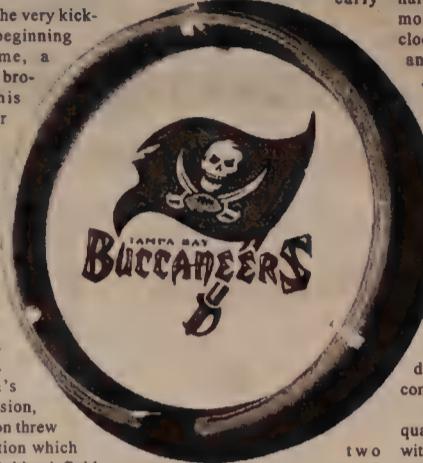
Broken Super Bowl records

Paul Short
Sports Editor

From the very kickoff at the beginning of the game, a record was broken. This year's Super Bowl was the second hottest in history with a temperature of 81 degrees.

The game started off a little rocky. On Tampa's first possession, Brad Johnson threw an interception which led to an Oakland field goal to put them up 3-0. Then just a hop, skip, a jump and two interceptions by the Tampa defensive back Dexter Jackson, the Raiders

found themselves down at half 20-3. Jackson with his early



two key interceptions in the game became this year's Super Bowl MVP (Most Valuable Player).

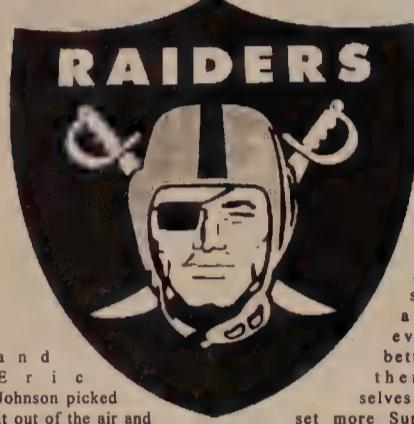
Coming out in the second half, the Raiders still proved in-

effective. On the first drive, the Bucs had in the second half of 89-yards ate up almost eight minutes of the clock. That drive ended with an 11-yard pass from Johnson to Keenan McCardell who found his way into the end zone. Then 43 seconds later, Dwight Smith grabbed the ball away from all-star receiver Jerry Rice to take it and score another touchdown for the Bucs. As the game slipped away with a 34-3 Tampa lead, the Raiders tried to make a desperate end-of-the-game comeback.

Finally as the third quarter clock wound down with 3:30 left, Rice caught his first pass of the game. Rice has caught at least one pass in a game since 1985, every pass he catches each game is a new record. Then following Rice's reception, Oak-

land quarterback Rich Gannon threw a 39-yard pass to Jerry Porter for the Raider's first TD in the game. The Raiders then missed the 2-point conversion. Only 44 seconds into the fourth quarter, Tim Johnson blocked a Tampa punt,

Raider's second TD. Once again the Raiders missed the 2-point conversion, and the Raiders as this season ends with a long and satisfying break for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, they only hope to make a repeat for next



and Eric Johnson picked it out of the air and returned it for the season and even better themselves to set more Super Bowl records.

Improving team holds new coach high

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Hot, humid air and the intensely powerful stench of chlorine drifts from the poolroom. To many freshmen and sophomores this is the chamber of humiliation and extreme discomfort, but to the North Side swim team, this is home.

The swim team has had a huge change this year. The position of Head Coach has recently been handed to Physical Education Teacher Sarah Lowe. Lowe has coached different sports prior to North Side and has been coaching for 24 years.

Lowe coaches both the women's and men's teams and has figured out the key to good coaching.

"The first thing I worked on was swim techniques and strokes. Then we

worked on starts and turns. If you can get good starts and turns, it cuts a lot of your time."

The team members hold Lowe in high regard as a coach and marvel at her talent to bring out the best in them.

"She acts like one of the teenagers," junior Sarah Komaneck said. "She gets everyone 'hyped-up' by acting crazy and joking around."

Lowe hopes to persuade more people to join the team. She feels this will help to improve the overall performance. She is also trying to get more swimmers to attend summer camps and clubs. The team as a whole has been doing very well.

"We've got so many good swimmers who had a rough start who are doing so extraordinarily now," Lowe said. "The boys' team has done a great job with so few members, and Engler has been very helpful with keeping track of times and records."

In the midst of action

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

In between the Raiders' offense chasing the Bucs' defense across one hundred yards of grass in front of approximately 131.7 million people watching, aired what were rumored to be the most expensive commercials of the year.

Fedex put a twist on the movie Castaway when a marooned deliverer delivered a package after he returned five years later. Inside the package was a satellite phone, a global positioning monitor, water purifier, a fishing rod, and seeds.

On hot summer days, it seems as if the people at Sierra Mist know how to beat the heat. In one of their super bowl commercials, a tiny dog has a powerful kick which becomes apparent as he refreshes his master by kicking the cap off the fire hydrant.

"This commercial was

one of my least favorite commercials," said junior, William Washington.

Another Sierra Mist advertisement takes place at a zoo. A monkey well on its way to heat stroke partners up with another monkey to setup a seesaw that launches him over the habitat wall and into the refreshing pool of the polar bear exhibit.

"I loved this commercial," said Washington.

As fans sat back, they were told a different version of the popular rerunning television show, Gilligan's Island. Instead of creating mayhem and dousing all chances of getting off the island, Gilligan saves the day in the new AT&T (American Telephone and Telegraph) commercial.

"This was the best commercial," said Washington.

If the action of Tampa Bay and Oakland did not provide enough entertainment, at least the commercial contributed a few laughs to the four hours that would have otherwise been a waste of time for some.

CHECK IT OUT!! Skateboarding such as that seen here is one of the many sports seen outside of North Side. The PAL program offers students many sports opportunities such as basketball and weight lifting. Photo taken from: <http://www.skateboarding.com>



Sport opportunities outside North Side

Ondalea Merritt
Reporter
Edited by: Rita Whitman,
Adviser

After school ends for the day, many of teenagers head off to participate in their favorite after-school activity. Fort Wayne offers hundreds of after-school sport opportunities for minors. There are clubs and organizations that offer figure skating, skateboarding, baseball, football, and many other activities.

Police Athletic League (PAL) offers many sport programs for youths ranging from basketball to weight lifting. It is one of the largest non-profit agencies for youth activities. Seventy-one centers are open from October through May around the United States. They have seventeen thousand teams in basketball, baseball, flag football, and soccer while track and field has events for five thousand teenagers. There are local offices of PAL as well.

Skateboarding is another favorite of teens. In spring 2003, four skateboarders from around the country will attempt to set a world record when they push skateboards almost three thousand miles from Oregon to Virginia in a little more than three weeks. The world record skateboard attempt will be a way to draw attention to a rare disease called Lowe Syndrome that cur-

rently afflicts the son of one of the skateboarders. The team consists of Jack Smith, Jeff Reynolds, Paul Dunn, and Gary Fluit. Jack Smith has made the crossing twice, once in 1976 and again in 1984. The current record is held at twenty-seven days. The record was set nearly twenty years ago. Teens skateboard frequently, and freshman, Adam Imel, said,

"I skateboard to hang out with friends." While Steven McLaughlin, also a freshman, said,

"I think skateboarding is fun and dangerous."

Soon there will be a skateboarding park located in the current Lawton Park location in Fort Wayne. Meetings were held downtown about a few weeks ago to discuss plans for the park. About seventy local residents attended and provided input for the new park.

Figure skating, another favorite outside-of-school teen sport, is a graceful sport. While junior skaters compete to become senior skaters, they have to practice really hard for the senior competitions, too. This is due to the new times for the senior competition. Pressure is placed on the skaters to practice for longer amounts of time and learn new things; they practice hard.

As can be seen, there are many fun activities for teens interested in sporting outside of the ordinary school offerings.

Getting up to speed with hockey

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

As the hockey team started out a very cold and frustrating season, many were not prepared to work hard to win games.

This year's hockey team has not done as well as expected, but some team members think the team has done well considering the circumstances. Sam Meyer, senior, said,

"We've done pretty good, but with all of the new players, it's hard to get things going the way they are supposed to this far along in the season."

However, others have different opinions on how well the team has performed. Kyle Christen, sophomore, said,

"We haven't communicated very well. Plus we have only won one home game, so that kind of says a lot."

Although the team has worked hard this season to bring a victory to North Side and other neighboring schools, there are still some weak areas the team could work on. Matt McGill, sophomore, said,

"We need to concentrate on defense, because we work way too much on offense."

Most of the team members have the exact same idea. Meyer said,

"Defense is what we need to work on, because the players are so young. They don't have as much know-how as the more experienced players."

The hockey games take place on Tuesday nights, and the players are still working hard to bring home a second victory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 8

Jazz Festival

(Snider)

6:15 PM-Var/Res

B Basketball vs.

Concordia (A

Concordia)

Monday, Feb. 10

6:30 PM-Var/Res

B Swimming vs. East

Noble (YMCA)

Tuesday, Feb. 11

6:00 PM-Var/Res

G Gymnastics vs.

Marion (A Marion)

Thursday, Feb. 13

6:15 PM-Freshman

B Basketball vs.

Dwenger (A Dwenger)

6:15 PM-Var/Res

B Basketball vs.

Dwenger (A Dwenger)

Saturday, Feb. 15

12:00 PM-V G

Gymnastics vs. Marion

Invitational (A Marion)

1:30 PM-Var/Res

B Basketball vs. Central

Noble (A Central

Noble)

Wednesday, Feb. 19

6:15 PM-Var/Res

B Basketball vs. Whitko

(NS Main Gym)

6:30 PM-Var/Res

G Gymnastics vs. Carroll/

South Side (A Carroll)

Thursday, Feb. 20

6:30 PM-Var/Res

G Gymnastics vs.

Northrop/Elmhurst (NS

Stadium Gym)

Friday, Feb. 21

6:15 PM-Freshman

B Basketball vs. New

Haven (NS Stadium

Gym)

6:15 PM-Var/Res

B Basketball vs. New

Haven (NS Main Gym)

Tuesday, Feb. 25

6:15 PM-Freshman

B Basketball vs. Carroll

(A Carroll)

6:15 PM-Var/Res

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Carroll)

Friday, Feb. 28

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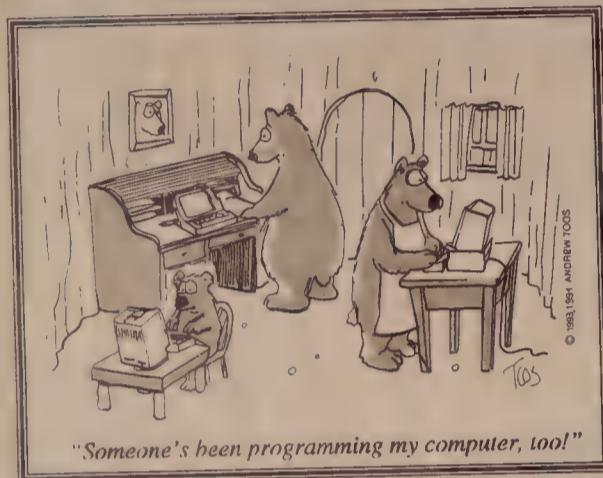


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Students explore Anthis Career Center

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

After recently ending the first semester of the 2002-2003 school year, class scheduling for next year is now just around the corner. Many choices are available for students including opportunity to enroll in the Anthis Career Center.

"The Anthis Career Center is a regional and technical high school..." said Mary Larsen, Assistant Principal. Anthis has incredible commu-

nity relations, therefore opening up job internships and experiences for those students who excel in their areas."

The purpose of this school is simple: to give the student an opportunity to better understand the careers in this world.

"We believe that no matter what a student chooses to do after high school, that it is vital to have not only academic skills, but to have career maturity and understand the many options available after graduation," said

Larsen.

There are currently 32 individual programs available from bricklaying to computer programming all of which are college courses. Those who are interested in taking a course to better help their future career must at least have eight credits to attend.

While Anthis sounds good to many, several are skeptical about going to two schools in one day.

"It's definitely better [than regular schools]," said senior Andy Bennette. "It's very hands-on and not all bookwork like regular schools are."

This statement could not be more accurate. Anthis is not a school filled with reading and working from 700 page textbooks. Even though there are textbooks involved, this school is about hands-on education.

Currently, 27 individual schools feed into Anthis Career Center. Schools like, Carroll, Snider, Northrop, Homestead, and many more attend the school. However, students should not worry about being the only North Side student in this school.

"Right now, we are the second largest sending school there," said Guidance Counselor, Kathy Bennett.

For students who are inter-

ested in enrolling in the Anthis Career Center, there are morning and afternoon classes that are available. Those who are interested in Cosmetology have a slightly different time schedule and should check with their guidance counselors for the correct times.

Every program's material fees are \$25.00 per year, except for Cosmetology, which is \$87.00 per year.

All in all, this school offers many opportunities for any student who wishes to pursue a career and even those who do not. With the kind of training this school offers, several students could benefit from attending.

"People that don't want to go to college [should go]," said Bennette. "...if it's something they think they can do."

Those students who wish to attend Anthis should get more information from their guidance counselors before scheduling. Also, all students should have at least eight credits to enroll in a course.

Many different benefits come from attending the Anthis Career Center. There are so many opportunities in the world right now, and this tactical school could be a very important step.

a safe return.

"They should have let the Columbia dock the space station, and then they should've tried to fix it," said senior Matt Malone.

Other evidence shows that not only were the heat-resistant tiles affected but possibly the wheel well became too hot and might have caused the well's unprotected, aluminum walls to melt.

"There is no question that wheel well was breached," said a space shuttle program source. "But who knows how? Did it start there, or was this part of a domino effect?"

While the investigations are still being held, many believe the information should stay confidential and within the families. The families and NASA should accept any information on the shuttle that is considered to be released to the public, first, according to many.

"Most of the information [on the shuttle] should be kept confidential," said Malone.

The shuttle explosion has been considered a tragedy for the US and also Israel. Colonel Rick Husband commented on the Columbia on a recent interview. Husband said,

"The shuttle is a great vehicle. It is so impressive. Every time, I sit down and study the different systems to see how well thought out this vehicle is and how well it works every time we go on flying."



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Crime Stoppers teams up with the public

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Drug deals, forgery, back support cases, and child abuse are not even half of the ones that Crime Stoppers deal with every day. Crime Stoppers started in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has spread across the United States since. There are now 1,149 known programs that are used to help United States citizens fight and bring criminals to justice.

The Crime Stoppers organization in Central Indiana has been helping the Fort Wayne area since 1985 and has arrested over 2,000 criminals and law breakers over the years. Andis Hudson, junior, said,

"It makes me feel good to know that there are less criminals out there to hurt us, themselves, and our community."

"Those arrests don't end like very many since '85," said Kristy Minick, sophomore.

Although Central Indiana, 2,000 arrests have been

made, 2.8 million dollars in property has been recovered and over 360,000 dollars in rewards have been paid. But many people think that Crime Stoppers should not pay money to have people speak up about criminals living or crimes going around specific neighborhoods. Donte Thomas, sophomore, said,

"They shouldn't give rewards, because citizens should be willing to help their communities and give tips without having to be bribed."

While an ample amount of students here at North Side think that Crime Stoppers have been doing a good job for this community, some feel that the organization is not doing the right thing. Ashley Chowdhury, senior, said,

"Crime Stoppers puts away the wrong people. They wrongly accuse innocent people and that hurts many families all over the United States."

"Crime Stoppers need to find better information on suspects because half of the people

they put in jail were not the ones that committed the crimes in question," said Thomas.

Others feel the exact opposite. Marvin Davis, sophomore, said,

"The organization helps us a lot because it makes the public aware of what is coming into our communities. It also lets law obeying citizens have freedom and have a chance to do things without worrying about criminals roaming the streets."

Initially Crime Stoppers is an organization that is designed to stop small crimes within a small area, but numerous students wonder why the agency does not stop big crimes like murders or kidnappings. Minick said,

"Different kinds of crimes are handled by different agencies so crimes are easier to control. Bigger agencies like the FBI and Fort Wayne Police Departments take the bigger crimes that were in question."

Although Crime Stoppers could bring criminals to justice on without any help, citizen's

tips are greatly appreciated. So when something suspicious is going on in a certain community, do not step back and let it happen.

The tips Crime Stoppers receive everyday help citizens in Central Indiana have better everyday lives and Crime Stoppers prevents the downfall of Central Indiana's neighborhoods and communities.

Do you need a prom dress?

The second annual Cinderella Dress Day will be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 2609 S. Fairfield Avenue, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 15. The Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance will be giving gently used prom dresses to young ladies otherwise unable to afford one. For more information call 672-8577.

City notes increase in Hispanic culture

Rita Whitman
Adviser

In a time of terrorism and potential warfare, many cities across the United States have suffered. This includes, of course, Fort Wayne. But one area of a positive note in Fort Wayne is that many people are choosing to move here. One population that has recently increased greatly would be the Hispanics who choose to relocate their lives and their culture to this community.

Based on the 2000 Census, Indiana's Hispanic population has increased by about 117%. Because of this state-wide growth in the Hispanic population, a commission on Latino affairs was created to provide further information and support to this ever-increasing group of immigrants.

A little closer to home - by examining census information from both 1990 and 2000, there has been a 138.4% increase of Hispanic immigration into Allen County. Local newscasters speculate that this increase may be due to the agricultural focus of this area. Much research on why still needs to be conducted before a definitive answer can be stated.

Interestingly, one effect of this immigration of Hispanics into Allen County is that although there has been an enormous influx, newcomers are primarily bilingual with only about a two percent of households being strictly Spanish speakers.

Some researchers and college professors also believe the US will be a bilingual country in both English and Spanish by the year 2050. Already the automated telephone answering systems of countless businesses across the country have a selection for English-speaking or Spanish-speaking customer service representatives.

Local officials of the police department have set minority and female recruitment for the FW Police Academy as a goal. The whole idea is for community service employees to completely represent all members of the population for which they have been hired.

Another active resource for Allen County Hispanic newcomers is the Benito Juarez Center located on Broadway in Ft. Wayne. It is also a terrific resource for other folks who are interested in Hispanic culture. There are several programs available that focus on

Hispanic youth. One program, called LEAP (Latino Education Action Plan), is in its fourth year. This program provides educational tutors for bilingual students at Geyer and Northwood middle schools both during school and after school. These tutors concentrate on student academic needs. There were also summer classes for these students with a focus on leadership and communication skills.

"It has become a model program. West Noble is interacting with us for a potential program for their school, too," said Executive Director, Rosa Guerra.

Guerra feels very strongly that more programs of this nature are essential if Hispanic students are to become engaged in mainstream school programs. She also said, "[These programs] must be addressed and mandated by both the state and the school systems."

Exito Art Program has been in place at Benito Juarez Center for seven years. It is for Hispanic youth ages 12 and over. Students explore art, pottery, photography, sculpting, and more. When the program first started, the art instructor was worried that would not be enough students to keep the program running. Happily, the program is now overcrowded. Plus there is even an assistant instructor as well. There is even transportation provided for two days of the program.

Chartering New Paths for our Youth is another offering at Benito Juarez geared toward crime prevention for middle and high school aged children. It is designed to be an educational adventure that explores issues like good health, AIDS prevention, alcohol prevention, etc. It also includes several field trips.

This year, according to Guerra, there will not be the usual Hispanic festival in September at Headwater's Park. Instead, the people at Benito Juarez are going to create a series of interesting month-long activities with an educational focus to celebrate the National Hispanic Heritage Month that begins on September 15 and ends on October 15. Watch the news and local newspapers with announcements of the terrific Hispanic celebrations planned for this holiday.

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Ashley Alfeld
Editor-In-Chief

Okay staff and students, I am completely running out of emotional inspiration to write my column. All I do as Editor-in-Chief is sit on my lazy rear end and sleep... I mean I loyally and seriously work hard at overseeing the process of the school's newspaper. Hec Hec... just kidding, Ms. Whitman.

However, since I have lost all creativity to write, I thought I would at least provide everyone with some clever statements from the Internet that really made me think. I know I may just be a dumb blonde (natural blonde thank you very much), but I think everyone will find these interesting. Here are some things to make you think:

1. What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?

2. What do people in China call their good plates?

3. If they squeeze olives to get olive oil, how do they get baby oil?

4. If a cow laughed, would milk come out its nose?

5. If you are sending someone Styrofoam, what do you pack it in?

6. Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?

7. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?

8. How come abbreviated is such a long word?

9. Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient fund fee" on money they already know you do not have?

10. How come there is a mailbox in front of the post office?

11. Why do radio stations interrupt "60 minutes of uninterrupted music" to tell you're listening to 60 minutes of uninterrupted music?

12. If nothing sticks to Teflon, how does it stick to the pan?

13. Why does Tarzan not have a beard?

14. If you are cross-eyed, and have dyslexia, can you see OK?

15. When we KNOW the batter in the remote is dead, why do we press harder on the button?

16. Why do you put suits in a garment bag, and garments in a suitcase?

.... And lastly

17. If your nose runs and your feet smell, are you built upside down?



Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

From rumors, magazine headlines, MTV News, and all the "he said, she said" chaos, no one really knows who is dating whom in the lives of the rich and famous.

First off lets begin with the hottest boriqua Latina in the 21st century, Jennifer Lopez or who is better known as J-LO. That's right. Actress-pop diva Mrs. J-LO is now hooked on Oscar winner Ben Affleck, and it looks like she's not letting go. The two love birds met in 2001 on the set of *Gigli*. A month after splitting with second husband and dancer Chris Judd, Lopez was soon seen with Affleck around Manhattan. In a November interview with *Primetime Live* Mr. Love Affleck showed his love by giving selfish J-LO a 6.10 carat pink Harry

Make-ups or break-ups?



Winston Diamond engagement ring. But tell the honest truth, I personally do not think Mr. Affleck will be the last man in the future for J-LO. But let's drop the whole J-LO thing, because it is surely getting old and burnt out.

Perhaps the media gets in the way, or maybe there's not enough room for two famous egos in one relationship. It is always the same old thing; a famous pop star like innocent Britney Spears goes head first for hot sensation Justin Timberlake. Everybody knows how the end of the fairy tale is going to end. Of course, the two incompatibles' relationship was leading towards a crash sooner or later. The pair said they split because of their busy work schedules. And guess what? Poor Britney is heartbroken over her loss to Timberlake. Ok, now let's stop dreaming and get to a couple who really know love when they see

it. These too are one of the oldest couples in the entertainment world. That's right, the Osbournes. The prince of darkness Ozzy Osbourne and princess of patience Sharon Osbourne recently celebrated their 21st anniversary just last week, and yes, MTV cameras were there to share the moment with the two old folks. Their series show *The Osbournes* is the hottest comedy show on MTV since *The Real World in New York*.

"She's not allowed to die before me; I couldn't live without her," said Ozzy.

Hollywood's couples will always be the center of attention no matter what. The National Enquirer will keep on selling gossip issues every week, and the public will eat it all up. But for the record, don't believe all the "he said, she said" stuff; it will only cause more chaos.



FAMOUS & BEAUTIFUL J-Lo and Ben Affleck can be seen here cuddling closely. Affleck and Lopez are one of many famous couples under the microscope lately. Will they last, or will they end in a bitter breakup???

What teens pay to see

Blane Pressler
Features editor

Teen movies, teen magazines, teen trends—face it teenagers are some of the biggest consumers in the U.S. Teenagers are the ones out there buying clothes, eating out, and spending incredibly large sums of money.

In the 80s someone in the money-making world of movies decided to tap into this stream of spenders and created a world of movies, magazines, and merchandise that the world has now come to know as bubble-gum pop.

In 80s films like "The Breakfast Club," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Sixteen Candles," and "Pretty in Pink" a teen cult formed and young stars became celebrities overnight. Various films featured Molly Ringwald, and she is most defiantly the teen movie queen of the 80s.

In the late 90s to the present films like "She's All That," "Bring it On," "I Know What You Did Last Summer," and "Scream" came to teen audiences with nothing to do and money to spend. After a few years of these teen flicks, directors came up with another idea...to create a movie that makes fun of teen movies, but creates a teen movie at the same time. From these ideas "Scary Movie" and "Not Another Teen Movie" were born.

Though teen movies have a different appeal now they have been around for a while and will continue as long as they attract audiences and keep making money. One day the "pop bubble" may burst, but as long as there are teens with money in hand, the movies, music, and magazines the world knows as bubble-gum pop will remain.

Both of the films did moderately well at the box office, and teen audiences and general audiences enjoyed them so well that "Scary Movie" spawned a sequel, "Scary Movie 2."

The Hollywood world was smart to capture the millions of dollars burning holes in teenagers' pockets. Along with making the money, Hollywood had to adapt to today's world and attract teen audience, and in some cases that was negative, because 90s films started to feature more drug use, partying, and sex. Senior Tiara Kincaid said,

"There's too much sex in modern (teen) movies."

She said she preferred the older 80s style of teen films. She said,

"I enjoy the innocence of the 80s."

She does enjoy most of the modern teen type films but just did not agree with some of the content. Movies like "Sixteen Candles," she said,

"She's (Molly Ringwald) not all that cute, but gets the really hot guy... that's awesome."

Though teen movies have a different appeal now they have been around for a while and will continue as long as they attract audiences and keep making money. One day the "pop bubble" may burst, but as long as there are teens with money in hand, the movies, music, and magazines the world knows as bubble-gum pop will remain.

Lousy Indiana laws

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Planning on taking a bubble bath between the months of October and March? How about catching a fish with bare hands? In Indiana, these things are illegal.

There are many Indiana laws that are just plain ridiculous. For instance, hotel sheets must be exactly 99 inches long and 81 inches wide. Also, mustaches are illegal if the bearer has a tendency to habitually kiss other humans. Or how men between the ages of 18 and 40 have to spend at least six hours a year working on public roads.

Some "dumb" laws only sound stupid once they are stripped of all their meaning. Take the fact that it is illegal to sniff glue. It is actually illegal to "intend to cause a condition of intoxication, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration or dulling of the senses" by inhaling the fumes of glue. In South Bend, it is illegal to make a monkey smoke a cigarette. This is in an effort to prevent cruelty to animals.

People tend to make their own decisions about these laws.

"They're outdated, cruel and unusual," freshman Chris Heinze said.

"I think we should change these out-

dated laws."

A few of these laws only sound ridiculous because of the way they are written. In Indiana, liquor stores may not sell milk. It may sound dumb, but in the full text of this law, it does not sound so ridiculous. The law actually states that a package liquor store's exclusive business shall be the selling of things like liquor, beer, wine, un-cooled soda products, printed publications, lottery tickets, tobacco products and various other things. Milk just happens to not be on the list. Along these lines, things like bread, paper, candy bars and fruit juices are also illegal to sell in a liquor store.

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Two NOTEBOOKS AND A PENCIL



Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Most lucky people are able to associate showers with a nice, peaceful time that cleanses and soothes both inside and out. For me, though, showers are a time of terror, embarrassment and a feeling of rushed urgency.

My showers during the week are icy cold. I know I have gotten into this before, but when you wake up call every morning is an icy cold torrent of bitterly freezing water, you like to make it known as to why you are so grumpy. I do not talk about it nearly enough considering how often it happens. The arctic flow of frigid water causes me to hop about from foot to foot in a desperate effort to stay warm, but it never works. Then, to add insult to injury, there is a constant flow of people trying to climb in and out of the shower, stripping me of any small amount of warm air left in the bathroom.

Privacy is an unpracticed courtesy in my home. I cannot count the number of times a day somebody walks in the bathroom while it is being occupied. Numbers do not go up that far. We have even passed this rude habit on to the babies. They know how to open the door and often insist on joining me in my shower adventure but luckily run out after feeling how incredibly bleak the water temperature is.

The weekends are not much better. One time I got in the shower on a Saturday at about 9 a.m. I felt I had nothing to worry about, because the whole house usually does not stir until 11 or 12. Anyway, I was in the shower, and I was covered from head to toe in soapsuds. That is what you do in the shower; get clean. Before I had an opportunity to rinse off, I felt the water pressure decreasing. I knew exactly what was happening. My step-father thoroughly enjoys turning off the water while I am in the shower. He does not even give me a courtesy scream to get out like my mother; he just goes straight for the source.

I was standing there in the shower, very perturbed and discouraged. What am I supposed to do now? I got out, put my towel on and busted out the door. I went straight for the water heater and, sure enough, there he was. He started screaming at me; "You know you're not supposed to get in before us!" It was ridiculous. He walked away after a big screaming fit, and I decided to get back at him by wiping all my suds off onto the couch. That will teach him; that will teach them all!

Conclusion: if you ever need a shower, take it at YOUR house! Oh, and when you are finished, do you think that I could take one too?



Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Although ironically

frightened of water, this issue's shadow-dwelling debutant loves the time she spends floating and gliding through it as she swims.

"I always think the seaweed is going to wrap up in my legs, and I'll drown," said junior Stephanie Reynolds.

No occupation consumes any of Reynolds's time.

"I used to baby-sit, but I'm supported well right now," said Reynolds.

Reynolds spends Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays attending church and participating in additional re-

lated activities.

"I need to find a job to work around my schedule," said Reynolds.

"My free time, when I have it, all goes to church and my boyfriend. I think it's good to spend time with him now, so I know how it will be in the future," said Reynolds.

Music is a major component of Reynolds's life. She claimed that she could not survive without it.

"It is a party when you need it; at times, music can explain some things for you," said Reynolds.

Though Reynolds does

not picture herself leaving Fort Wayne, she does dream of alternate locations.

"[If I could do anything]

I would go to every warm island with my boyfriend and stay at every one of them for about a week, and check out the environment there," said Reynolds.

Childhood dreams previously brought Reynolds to the undecided conclusion that she sought after a vocation as a teacher when she became an adult. Later, as her schooling continued she set her mind toward a new different aspiration. Her more re-

cent imaginings are focused on a career in cosmetology.

The majority of her classes are proving to be just about effortless for Reynolds this semester.

"I'm taking my fun classes which I enjoy like Dance, Life Saving, advanced exercise, and English. I'm doing really good, except I'm struggling in Math 5 and 6," said Reynolds.

Like everyone, Reynolds tends to struggle; however, she always manages to pull herself back up and go on without letting the world get her down for too long.

27 actors, 20 mattresses, and a pea

Renee Gause
Reporter

Once upon a what... "A mattress" would be a terrific guess. That will be this year's new spring musical.

"Once Upon a Mattress" will star Blane Pressler, junior, as Prince Dauntless and Andrea Blackman, senior, as Princess Winifred.

The play will take place at North Side High School in the auditorium by the main entrance. It will take the biggest room in the school to house this gigantic performance. The big chandelier at the middle of the room, two levels of aisles and chairs, and its large stage will illuminate as the crowd prepares itself for an amazing performance of North Side's very own.

The students have only had five weeks to prepare their parts instead of the usual seven weeks they would normally have. The reasoning for this is because they started really late. They have to try their hardest to get the play perfect quickly. For the first time, they have only those five weeks to learn all their lines, songs, and choreography.

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"We're definitely pressed for time, and [it is] stressful!"

The students have done this musical three times since Choir Teacher Margaret Buttermore and Drama Teacher Claryn Myers chose

it for this year's production.

The play will be a remake of the famous fairytale, "The Princess and the Pea" but with a more humorous twist.

For those who are unaware of the story, "The Princess and the Pea" is a story about a prince trying to find a real princess. According to his mother, the only way to know if a young woman was a princess was to place a pea under 20 mattresses.

One night it was raining very heavily, and there was a knock at the gate. There stood a sopping wet and beautiful girl. The prince thought she was a real princess and invited her in. That night he asked her to sleep on 20 mattresses and under the bottom one, his mother put the pea. In the morning, she was black, blue, and sore all over. The prince and his mother then knew she was a real princess.

The play that follows this story will allow very talented actors and actresses to use their creativity.

Freshman, Brianna Sosenheimer said, "I play the minstrel, and we practice until about five every night. I wanted to be in the play, because I can sing, dance, get more acting experience while meeting new people."

The play will be at North Side High School and will be at seven o'clock March 13 and March 14, so be there for a pleasurable evening.

The truth behind St. Patty's legend

Ondalea Merritt
Reporter

That time of the year has come once again when everyone wears green, and those who choose not to get pinched.

"The thing I hate most about Saint Patrick's Day is when I get pinched," said Amber McKinley, freshman.

"My family normally goes on a shopping spree," said Teia Smith, freshman.

Ireland is not where Saint Patrick was born; his real name was Maewyn Succat. His birthplace is either Scotland or Roman Britain. He was kidnapped when he was sixteen and sold into slavery. That is how he ended up in Ireland, but that is not all. He escaped six years later and went to study Christianity under Saint Germain, the Bishop of Auxerre. Becoming a priest, then a bishop himself, he changed his name to Patrick and traveled in Ireland, spreading the word of Christianity. He used a three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity that refers to the religious combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Irish considered him the voice for the Irish.

Before dying on March 17, he drove all the demon snakes out of Ireland and into the ocean. The snakes drowned, and there has not been a snake there since then. Surprisingly the first Saint Patrick's celebration was not in Ireland, but here in the United States in Boston, Mass-

sachusetts, 1737, on March 17.

Everyone is Irish on this day. Some may have even heard the popular saying, "We are all Irish."

Everybody celebrates Saint Patrick's Day differently. Some cities color their rivers green for the day while others keep a simple parade. The first parade was in the United States in New York City, where the soldiers marched on March 17. Ever since, New York has had the biggest parade every year on Saint Patrick's Day.

In the year 1690, the battle of the Boyne took place in Ireland. The Protestant William of Orange defeated Catholic, King James II. William declared it a victory, and a century later his victory, his name, and his principals would be celebrated and immortalized.

When William of Orange defeated James, he took the throne and became King William. The Orange Order started in 1795 and got its name from William, and the society became Protestant.

Orange Order took ownership of William's name and principals of protecting the rights of the Ireland as Protestants. It was officially recognized as an organization that still goes on in Ireland. Before 1795, there had been other protestant societies and groups. They followed and worshiped William of Orange. Others were just dedicated and believed in faith and hope.

On Saint Patrick's Day, some people will wear orange, and others will not get pinched by wearing green.

Singing to state

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

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Out of 26 participants in Group I, eighteen went on to receive Division I ratings and are to participate in the state competition in Indianapolis on March 1. Junior Sarah Brimm was among the proud group who got to advance.

"I sang, like, 20 times before I went in to perform," Brimm said. "It was intimidating. The judges barely looked at me when I was singing."

Senior Tiara Kincade was feeling a little pressure before the competition but still prevailed in her attempt to succeed.

"Going Group I was hard," Kincade said. "There was a lot of pressure. It's hard, because you've got state over your head."

The singers also went in groups depending on the level of skill the singer possessed. There are three

groups and Group I is at the top. Only soloists receiving a Division I rating in Group I was able to go on to state.

"The kids have just attempted more," choir director Margaret Buttermore said. "We had so many entries and more kids are accepting the challenge. It's not that they're easy songs either. We've had kids sing in Latin, Italian, German, English; it's just that they're working harder and rising to the occasion."

The only soloist from North Side to receive a perfect score of seven was sophomore Allison Dill. Dill was a prominent figure in the North Side choir program and is a member of the Troubadour Choir, "All That Jazz" and Show Choir.

"I was surprised," Dill said. "I've never gotten a perfect score before. I wasn't nervous, though, because I went last year."

It does not matter what is going on, these types of moments can occur at any time and any place. They may be funny to watch, but they also can be hazardous. Everyone has at least one embarrassing moment in his or her life. Just look past them and get on with the day ahead.

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Embarrassment; life's moments

Paul Short
Sports Editor

Red-faced, sweaty, or teary-eyed whatever the reaction may be, those embarrassing moments usually get the best of everybody.

Embarrassing moments usually come at the most unusual and awkward times. Junior Mike Herron said,

"I was tubing in a lake and a fish tried to jump out of the water and get me. I was so scared."

Or embarrassing moments can even occur at any time by just plain dumb-luck. Junior James Nichter said, "When I was five, I was learning to ride my bike. My mom said there was a car on the street, so I pulled over. As I was pulling over, I

hit a parked car."

Not only can students be involved in embarrassing moments, it can also happen to teachers.

"My most embarrassing moment took place at the Orchard Ridge Country Club. My husband and I were dancing, our feet locked up and I started to fall to the floor," said Foreign Language Teacher, Pam Houk. "He tried to catch me but could not; we both ended up on the floor. It was a very hot summer night. I was all dressed up but wore knee-high stockings because of the heat. When I fell, my dress flipped up, and there I was on my back with my knee-highs showing. Someone took a picture and posted it on the bulletin board for all of the member to see."

Embarrassing moments can

Enduring athletic food rules

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Soda pop, candy, and junk food fill the stomachs of teenagers here at North Side, but very few think about what some have to give up to be successful athletes. Many sports that North Side has to offer follow severely strict food guidelines. John David Battell, junior, said,

"In wrestling, we can't eat anything fattening. We have to eat solid foods, and meat-wise, we can only eat chicken. The only thing we can drink is water, and the day before a match, we aren't allowed to eat anything."

While some sports have harsh diets to abide by, there are still a handful of teams that stick to very little rules at all.

Cross Country, Swimming and Track are some of the teams that abide by these small rules. Cindy Harter, junior, said,

"We can't eat any sweets or drink pop. It also boosts our energy if we eat breakfast."

Many of the athletes enrolled in specific sports this year have been participating in the same ones since freshman year, and students' diets have since dis-



carded the need for candy and sugar-filled foods. Sarah Komanec, junior, said,

"I can tolerate the urge to eat things I'm not supposed to, because I'm used to giving them up. Those kinds of foods are just not appealing to me anymore."

Others do not have that kind of determination to stay away

from what should not be in a daily diet for an athlete. Julie Jackson, junior, said,

"I easily give into my temptations. I eat things I'm not supposed to, even though I know I shouldn't."

However, while some athletes follow the sport food guidelines, others choose to follow a specific diet throughout the season and sometimes for the whole year. Ashley Sweazy, junior, said,

"I choose not to eat meat, any sweets, or drink milk partly because the foods upset my stomach, but also

because over the years, I've grown not to eat them in the season. I just don't like the foods."

While watching a track or swimming meet, think about all the stress, hunger, and hard work the athletes had to endure to bring the delightful entertainment.



talk on the phone, watch television, and get ready for school," said Butler.

Students could benefit from the example set by Butler.

Butler's career goal is to be a doctor. To prepare for college, Butler has been taking challenging courses to prepare, and she has also been shadowing doctors through internships. Butler said,

"My mom is a nurse, so medicine has always interested me."

Butler is not the only one who cannot wait for her to become a doctor. Dave Bierbaum, Math Teacher, said,

"[Emmy Butler] is a top notch young lady; she has intelligence and personality. I cannot wait for her to become a doctor and see her perform an autopsy."

Along with pursuing her career goal and being involved in school sports, Butler is also involved in the National Honors Society and the Bank One Academy. Through all of this as she keeps her cool, many wonder how she does it. Butler said,

"I try to keep everything balanced, so I do not get stressed out and run out of time."

Both staff and students admire Butler for her ambition, strength, and ability to succeed through all in high school and in life.

To be able to manage everything in Butler's average day, she follows a schedule.

"After practice I eat and do my homework, and then I



STICKS, PUCKS, AND AN EAGLE

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Some at North Side see the greatest hockey team in the United States while others see an eagle representing a group of misspelled as-troids.

"They have good individual players," said sophomore Brandon Jones.

The Komets played their first game of the season on October 11, 2002. This match against Rockford was an away game. The last regular game of the season is scheduled for March 30 at the War Memorial Coliseum here in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"The Komets will win it all," said Jones.

Adam Hanford, fresh-

man, does not appear to believe in the Komets nearly as strongly as Jones does.

What is it about a Komets' game that catches a fan's attention when the puck slides across the ice? Like most other hockey games, the Komets' fans mainly go for one specific aspect of a game.

"[My favorite part is] the fights," said sophomore Adam Bolinger.

However, not all people watch a hockey game for just that aspect of a competition. Jones would rather attend a game for the enthusiasm from the stand as the cheering supporters root for their team of choice.

Hanford likes the snack

bar at the games.

Why do fans believe that the Komets will go all the way?

"The defense is pretty good," said Bolinger.

No matter why one might opt to go to the games, if hockey is interesting, then entertainment is guaranteed.

"I love hockey," said Jones.



Hockey

Dedication in winter conditioning

Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Despite all of the snow and wind track, season is off and running. The track team is already together and practicing out in the cold weather. Bill Blosser, teacher and Girl's Track Coach, said,

"They practice from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday."

This may seem like a lot, but to a dedicated track athlete, it is nothing. John Chansyna, freshman, said,

"Practices are fairly easy right now, but they should be getting harder. Or at least I hope so."

The track team runs on the indoor track and on the trails at Franke Park. Along with running the track, the team also lifts weights in the

weight room to condition. Since the temperatures have been low, the runners have to bundle up a bit. Chansyna said,

"[When I run outside] I wear tights to keep warm, a sweat shirt, and a hat."

Many wonder how anyone could be so dedicated to a sport focused on running. Ashley Wray, freshman, said,

"I am involved in track, because I like running. It is fun, and there are a lot of nice people. It really is a good environment."

Chansyna said,

"I like it; I have been running track since my seventh grade year. It just feels great when you break a time and get better."

It has been reported that Northrop and Concordia both have a strong track team

as well this season. Blosser said,

"We have a good competitive team this year; I believe we will be able to hold our own with the other teams."

To some people the goals of this sport may not seem clear. The goal of track is to get the shortest running time. Chansyna said,

"My goal is to get a 4:40 or a 4:50 on a mile."

The outlook for the track season seems to be an all around good report. Although it is a little early to predict the most valuable player, Blosser said,

"Andrea Brown was the most valuable player last year and is the defending State champion in long jump."

The track team's first meet is at Huntington College on March 3.

Upcoming Events

March 25

4:00PM-VG

Softball vs. Snider/SCRMG (H/NS Park)

4:15PM-Vr/

Res B Track vs. Carroll (H/ Chambers Field)

March 26

4:15PM-Var/

Res G Track vs. Carroll/South (H Chmabers Field)

4:30PM-VG

Softball vs. Heritage (A/ Heritage)

March 29

10:00AM-Var/

Rees B Track vs. New Haven (A/ New Haven)

1:00PM-V

Baseball vs. Dwenger/ SCRMG (H/NS Park)

March

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April 8

4:30PM-V

Baseball vs. Norwell (H/ NS Park)

April 9

11:00AM-Res

Baseball vs. Northrop/DH (H NS Park)

April 10

4:15PM-Res

Baseball vs. Luers (H/ NS Park)

4:30PM-V

Baseball vs. Heritage (A/ Heritage)

Gearheads ready for new season in NASCAR

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

Empty speedways all over the United States are now geared up to bring fans the 2003 NASCAR competitions.

From the phrase, "Gentlemen... start your engines," to the excitement in every fan's eyes, NASCAR is back for another highly anticipated season.

The season just finished the Daytona 500, a race that many fans thought was a disappointment this year.

"It's our Super Bowl, and the way it ended was personally disappointing to me," said Winston Cup director John Darby. "After watching the race that long, it had just reached a point where it was all starting to come together and was about to get interesting."

More than halfway through the Daytona 500, fans are still cheering their favorite drivers on for the races to come.

"I like Dale Earnhardt Jr.," said sophomore Scott Fisher. "I had a lot of respect for his dad."

This seven times

father's death, Earnhardt has made a big impression on NASCAR fans by winning several competitions and just by continuing his father's legacy.

Cheering for a favorite driver is fun to many, but some like the unpredictability of the game.

"It's exciting and adrenaline pumping," said freshman Brittany Long. "You never know what to expect!"

That is what several races turn out to be. So many cars racing in one track can make it difficult for fans to be confident about their choices to win.

With all of the popularity this sport has, there are those who dislike the competitions for various reasons.

"...They should watch a race before they judge it," said Long.

The season has begun for NASCAR in 2003. Many races are to be held during the year and promise to make a good season for the fans.

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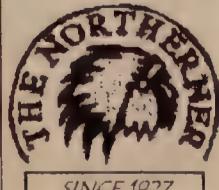
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Behind the hidden mask?



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Why do people feel the constant need to worry about what others think? It seems that the older we get, the more we worry about pleasing others rather than ourselves.

Now do not take what I am saying in the wrong way. I think that doing things in order to please others is often a good thing; however, I do not see why people think that they need to completely change who they are in order to have others like them or think they are "cool".

I think that everyone (including myself) has at one time or another done something not because they wanted to, but because they wanted to impress someone else. I honestly do not believe that I am the only person who has talked a certain way or bought a particular type of clothing, just because it was the "in" thing to do. We all do it. We all have a natural desire to feel accepted by those around us. There is nothing wrong with wanting to fit in, but you should not have to change who you are as a person just to be a part of the "cool" crowd. Would you rather have a few people like you for who you truly are or have a ton of people like you for who you are not? Personally I would rather stick with a few true friends who like me just the way I am. Those are the people who will always be there when you need them.

I suppose that it just disturbs me to think that even though we are getting older, there are still those people out there who feel the need to constantly judge and poke fun at those who are different from them. Why can they not just leave people alone and let them do their own thing.

I guess I just wish that more people would stop being fake by pretending to be someone they are not. I wish more people would be comfortable with who they are and not be afraid to show it. There is no reason to worry about what others are going to say or think about you. Just be yourself.



Peter Cottontail adored by all ages

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

Big colorful Easter baskets filled with hollow milk chocolate candies and little Easter Bunny stuffed animals. Huge Easter dinners with friends and family, and of course painting and hiding all the Easter eggs from the little ones while watching their faces glow as they find the colorful eggs in the grassy yard are some of the exciting activities that take place during the month of April.

Although there are some myths about there not being a real Easter Bunny, that does not stop the public from buying candy, Easter baskets, stuffed Easter Bunnies, and of course who

could forget about the milk chocolate bunnies. Peter Cottontail is the beholder of Easter and is very popular with several children every year. Teacher Assistant, Lisa Perkins, loves shopping for her two youngest children every Easter. As a child, Perkins enjoyed receiving huge Easter baskets filled with all sorts of candies. That was until one day, she caught her parents making the Easter baskets for her, her sister, and her brothers. That day she learned that the Easter Bunny was not real.

"You should try to keep it a secret as long as you can, because it is fun every year for your children," said Perkins. Most Easter Sunday afternoons are spent with family and friends over a big dinner get together or some go to church. Junior Arthur Chevalier most enjoys eating Sunday dinner with his family and looks forward to eating all the chocolate and candy he can. As a child, he says he never did really believe in the



Bombs over Baghdad

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

Everything started on Monday March 17, 2003, when President Bush gave the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to surrender and depart from his country within 48 hours.

Two days later on Wednesday, March 19, the Komets hosted and beat the Missouri River Otters. Little did I know that upon returning home, the country would be at war with Iraq. Not trying to sound cliché but,

"War, what is it good for?"

Being an average teenager and not a news guru, I surprisingly found myself glued to CNN and other news stations with a desperate longing to hear more and to know exactly what was going on and where.

I was unprepared for the war. However, its potential had been resting in the pit of my stomach for the past few months since my brother had received orders to serve the country and worse when his battalion was shipped overseas. But now the possibilities were horrific.

I found myself sitting in a chair throughout the night and into the morning wondering exactly what he was doing at that very moment and whether he knew what was unraveling in Iraq, but the television did not have the answers to any of my questions that were spinning uncontrollably through my head.

CNN repeatedly spoke of two thunderous strikes that had hit in Baghdad after President Bush had ordered the bombing of "selected targets of military importance". Other "breaking news" included over 200,000 British and American troops who were waiting for orders as to what was going to happen next. And furthermore that Saddam Hussein would be making an address to the Iraqis within minutes.

After many suspenseful minutes, his address to the Iraqi people aired. He then encouraged his people to "go draw your sword".

The next morning, on Thursday March 20, the updated "breaking news" consisted of failed attempts to bomb Kuwait where numerous soldiers were stationed.

This was all very disturbing on many levels but what could be done? Nothing... wrong, anyone no matter what their opinion of President Bush or the war can wholeheartedly support the many soldiers who are bravely risking their lives on behalf of this country and everyone state-side.



BLAH, BLAH,
BLAH.....
Cellphones are now
commonly used
while driving on the
road and even in
school. Here Lisa
Perkins chats on her
cellphone during her
lunch break.

Photo by: Diana Flores

Who's on the phone?

Jennifer Ellis
Reporter

Verizon, Motorola, and Centennial are all major companies of the cell phone industry. The number of cell phones has grown from 500,000 in 1985 to 63 million in 1998 to 94 million in 2000, and now to about 128 million today. Many people use their cell phones for personal reasons. Mike Sankey, sophomore, said,

"I use my cell phone for calling home to let my mom know I am okay and that everything is fine."

"I use my friend to check in and call my friends after I get off work," said Amber Fisher.

"Researchers at Harvard University have proven that six percent of auto accidents in this country each year are caused by cell phones," said Amber Fisher, sophomore.

In 1997, the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that mobile phones used by drivers qua-

drupled the chance of having a collision. This rate is comparable to the risk of driving while legally drunk. Each year, car crashes kill 2,600 people and injure 330,000 others, and those statistics are with cell phones involved alone. The study estimated that those accidents cost about 43 million in associated medical costs.

As many as 730,000 auto crashes in the US each year are caused by cell phones.

The top three reasons for operating a cell phone while driving are: to call for help, call for some sort of assistance, and for others who need help when necessary. Selwyn Lymon, sophomore, said,

"I think it is safe to talk and drive at the same time, but you also have to be very talented and very careful."

"[When you're on a cell phone], you're not alert and neither are your senses. It is very hard to pay attention to the road and carry on a conversation at the same time," Fisher

said. Indiana prohibits drivers use of hand held cell phones, but exceptions for emergencies are not banned.

Since 1995, 40 states have proposed bills concerning cell phones while in use in cars. The 40 billion dollar cell phone industry has successfully lobbied to keep those laws off the books. The cell phone industry claims that cell phones are safe on the road while driving.

However, most believe cell phones can be very dangerous while driving and talking at the same time.

"I would not feel right driving and talking; I think I would hurt someone if I were to [do that]," said Fisher.

The Indiana legislature introduced the "cell phone and driving issue" on January 7, 2002, and the bill is still under review.

FOREIGN FUN

French movies sizzle this year

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Forget trivial, boring American movies. Become enlightened and introduced to the wonderful world of French comedies. They are complex, fulfilling and very, very entertaining.

One such film is *Amélie*, which takes place in a quiet little town in France. It follows the main character, Amélie Poulain, around the city as she searches for the owner of a "treasure" box found in the wall in her bathroom. It was hidden there by a little boy who lived in her apartment many years prior to her moving in, and Amélie feels it is her purpose in life to find this man. Her quest takes her on a "not-so-remarkable" journey, but the way it is presented makes it light, funny and remarkable.

The film has a comedy that is very realistic. The viewer feels as if

they are observing a real life scenario, and the laughs come naturally. The way the women gossip about their clients, the occasional non-modest client walking about naked when she cannot find a robe, the fairy-like ring the door makes every time it opens is all very natural and refreshing.

Another standout French movie is *Venus Beauty Institut*. It follows the lives of a group of young women who work at a beauty salon, the Venus Beauty Salon, and mainly focuses on the love life of Angèle, played by Nathalie Baye. Tautou makes a minor appearance as Marie, a very young 20-year-old in love with an old widower.

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Diana Flores

What do
you like
most
about
Easter?

Senior



Mike Hicov

"I love the
candy!"

Junior



Rachel Homan

"My birthday."
Sophomore



Megan Oetting

"Coloring eggs
with my
cousins."

Freshman



Tom Rodda
"I like the candy.
I have a real
sweet tooth."

Two NOTEBOOKS AND A PENCIL

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Family dogs are supposed to be with the family for a very long time to provide support and entertainment. Or so I hear.

The number of dogs my family has been through is astonishing. The longest we have had a dog was only two years. It is the same with every single one. We get the thing, everyone loves it for a week, and then it is forgotten and messes on the floor. It gets into trouble, we go another week of loving it, and then it happens again. Then, nobody even bothers loving it anymore, because it is going to leave in two weeks anyway. This causes it more neglect and messes.

First, there was Chica. Chica was a Chihuahua my aunt gave me for Christmas, because she would attack her other Chihuahuas when they tried to mate. I am pretty sure she was same-sex oriented. Chica was around for about a year. My mom stole her off of the leash in the front yard one day and told me she ran away.

Barkley came second. He was only around for about two or three weeks. One day it was just gone.

Next, there was Terry. Terry was a rat terrier with fleas and an excitable disposition. We also had a cat, Oreo, when Terry was around, and it was fun to put them in an enclosed space and watch them attack one another. One day, after I came back from a friend's house, they were both gone. When I asked my mom about it, she gave me five bucks and told me to "Have a blast."

Then, there was Monte. He was a retired greyhound. He was housebroken when we got him and seemed to be almost perfect. Then he bit my bother in the face. He deserved it, though.

Popo came next. Popo was another Chihuahua who had a temper. My siblings have the scars to prove his disposition. He was my favorite. He just hung out under my bed attacking anything that set foot into my abyss.

Popo was around for two years. In this time, we got other dogs to keep him company. Flaca came first. She was another Chihuahua from my aunt. She had a problem with her tongue, and it stuck out of the side of her face. It was gross, and we used to take turns poking and pulling it. Oh, what fun.

We got Brownie after we got rid of Flaca. She was a chocolate lab with problems. She liked to chase Popo around, and one day she tried to eat him. He died. We actually called a dog shrink who examined Brownie and said she had other dog anger or something ridiculous like that. My parents got rid of her only because when she came around, I would kick her. Hard. In the face.

Next came Honeybun. She was cute, but for some reason, I could not stand her. She was too happy or something. She was gone in a month.

About three months later, my mom got on a Bassett Hound kick and, as a result, we got Sherman. He was a good dog and was housetrained, but we unhousetrained him. Leave it to my family to undo a good thing.

All these lead up to my current dog, Pixie. She is another rat terrier. I refuse to get attached to this one. The day after we got her, she ran outside and would not come back inside. She lived out there for nearly two weeks. She probably knows what is best. She is back inside, out of the cold. I give it two weeks, a month tops.

Over the past century, animation has greatly evolved all over the world. One type of animation that has evolved into one of the more popular types of cartoons is Japanese anime.

From the 1950s to now, anime has been found in many countries and is now invading America.

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"I enjoy it more because it seems to be more evolved than our cartoons. Much of [anime] are jokes based on real life situations," said Moldthan.

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basic factor is that it is nothing other than animation from Japan.

Anime has come from a long generation of many creators with unique ideas that made anime possible to be known all over the world. The complexity and originality of these series are just what several Americans and many people in other countries have been longing for.

"I enjoy anime, because it places realistic characters in fantastic settings with compelling plots," said anime fan Matt Sontum. "Anime combines the technical merits, aesthetics, and imaginations of many talented artists."

Right now, people are finding anime in more places and are also finding more fans right along with them. With

the growing popularity of this style of animation, many fans wonder where anime will be in the next few years. Moldthan said,

"Of course the ratings will go up after people slowly catch on, but actually it is already widespread."

Anime series are now being shown on Cartoon Network's "Toonami", the WB, FOX, and even Nickelodeon.

The recent growth in anime popularity proves that people should not be surprised if they find more and more fans in the near future. Companies like "ADV Films", "Funimation", "Bandai", and "Tokyopop" are all ready to bring anime fans more of what



they want in the years to come.

Being the newest animated sensation in America, Japanese anime will just keep evolving for years to come.

New name for animation

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

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Similar differences

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

While walking side-by-side, only those who know them best can quickly recognize the small differences to tell some twins apart.

A typical bond between siblings is stronger than most friendship ties, but is there a differentiation in the connection between two people who developed in the womb together?

"You are a lot closer to a twin. He's like another part of you," said senior Adam Restrepo.

"They get along better, because they are closer in maturity level," said freshman Katie Kane.

Though it is widely agreed that the bond is stronger, there are others such as freshman Mary Kelly who believe it is the same as with other siblings.

Most twins spend a lot of time with each other. How-



Seen above are twins, seniors Adam and Omar Restrepo.

Photo by: Chelsi Altman

ever, Kane only sees her twin brother who attends a separate school due to a living situation every weekend.

Personality differences occur with twins just as they do with other siblings.

"He likes to make people laugh, and he doesn't care what people think. I'm quieter and have tendencies to be a little shyer," said Kane.

"She's a serious person; I take things more lightly," said freshman Margo Kelly.

"I am more relaxed," said Omar Restrepo, senior.

"I'm a lot nicer; he's more on edge," said Restrepo [Adam].

Patriotism breaks through war clouds

Jennifer Ellis
Reporter

From marching, chanting, and praying to prevent war, anti-war activists conducting more aggressive strategies from sit-ins and to social disruptions to restore the peace in Iraq. Protest sit-ins, especially at federal buildings, recruiting offices, and military bases have been taking place in high gear.

In January, and again in February, peace groups coordinated demonstrations in cities around the world trying to prevent war. Hundred of protesters unfurled signs in rallies in New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, London, Berlin, Rome, Cairo, and other cities around the world.

Many anti-war activists have argued that the conflict might foster more terrorists to engage Americans on their own turf.

The peace movement has also embraced a particularly influential contingent of support. These are the veterans of the war with Iraq twelve years ago.

On Saturday March 15, 2003, protesters all around the world were protesting and became more energized by the approach of conflict with Iraq. United States citizens were not the only ones protesting against

Is the amount time spent with a twin any less the amount that spent with any other sibling?

"We spend most of the day together," said Restrepo [Adam].

"We are always together unless she's at tennis practice," said Kelly [Mary].

Movies boast about twins having the ability to tell when the other is upset or even what is being thought inside the other twin's brain. Redskins find such movies to be inaccurate.

"No, we don't have any telepathic powers," said Restrepo [Omar].

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BATTER UP!
With spring's arrival comes a new beginning for North Side's baseball season. Here you can see some of the team's varsity guys. Thom Garrett (top left), Tony Monnot (top right), and Troy Letner (bottom right).

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Ready at the mound

Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Houser, and James Conley is showing gratifying results. Forgetting having an umpire, the other team will be out before they can even step up to the plate! Throughout the week the guys practice diligently by perfecting their swings and mastering their gloves. They devote an average of about two and a half hours a day with drilling, practice, and workout sessions.

Judging by their strong practices and hard work, the future for North Side's boys will prove very promising this year in baseball. Their excellent instruction from Head Coach Bruce Miller, Assistant Coach, Stew Fisher, Reserve Coach, Jeff Olden, and Assistant Coaches Jesse Olden, Geno

Strike three- out!
This is exactly what the crowd will hear as North Side's very own boy's baseball team cream their opponents on the field.

Not only are these teams physically well endowed, but they are also built upon tight friendships. It is undeniable to avoid noticing that at least half of both the reserve and varsity teams can be seen hanging out together during their off-time.

This close relationship within the teams not only helps promote trust but also helps build the team's confidence and sportsmanship. Just ask Steve Monnot, sophomore. He said, "I enjoy being in baseball. It is a lot of fun, and I get to hang out with my friends."

Even brother and twin Tony Monnot, sophomore, would have to agree with his sibling. Monnot said,

"Baseball season is going really well so far. We're having a lot of fun."

North Side baseball fans should prepare themselves for a great season this year. Here is a roster of the amazing players who can be seen at the mound.

Boy's Varsity
NO Name
1 Chris Ulrey
2 Steve Monnot
4 Rhys Barnhart
5 Kyle Christian
6 Thomas Garrett
7 Nick Sengthong
8 Tony Monnot
9 Nate Hillary
11 Aaron Barnhart
12 Trevor Baugher
14 Matt Hershberger
15 Jake Ryan
16 Troy Letner
17 Ryan Munro
18 Sean Jenkins

Boy's Reserve
NO Name
1 Donavan Gray
3 Jonathan Young
4 Zach Bilger
5 Justin Duttaroy
6 Josh Ruff
7 Ryan Bachman
9 Stephan Rudd
11 Zach Springer
12 Jason Westerman
13 Erik VanWagner
13 Dustin Mann
14 Colby Connally
15 Russ Cleveland
16 John Trowbridge
17 Santino Money
17 Corey Piercy
18 Thomas Murdock
19 Jaison Kasischke
20 Jeremiah Hicov
21 Justin Musser
Derek Wittenberg

Running into a new season

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Hurdling, jumping, and throwing-track is much more than just running around a field. This year's team has set high goals and standards with hope to make the most of the upcoming season.

The season begins in early March, as the team prepares for the meets that come later in the year. The first meet vs. Harding/Dwenger is on March 29, and the last track meet of the year is on May 15. vs. Columbia City. Other meets the North Side track team will attend are vs. South Side/Wayne,

Huntington, North/Warsaw, Elmhurst/South Side/Northrop, and Concordia/Harding.

Many of the athletes who participate in track also competed in the swimming season. After the swimming season was over, several of the track participants went straight from swimming season to conditioning for track. That is what sophomore Aundrea Brown did. She is thrilled with the upcoming season and she said,

"I think it (track season) should go real good...if we keep our heads up, we should do good."

She is one of many team members that started to condition

right after swimming season. Brown is one of many who are rejoining the team for another great season. This is Brown's second year running for the North Side track team. She has already begun setting goals for herself for this season. She would like to do exceptionally well in the 300 hurdle, the 100 hurdle, long jump, and go to state.

Along with conditioning themselves physically, many track members also limit what they eat. Some diet, and others just cut out certain foods or beverages that would cause them problems. Staying fit and healthy is important to

these athletes. Soda, candy, and other sweets are cut out of the track team's diets. Brown said,

"I try not to eat a lot of fattening foods."

Dieting and staying fit and healthy are not easy things to do. The team takes on huge challenges and goals for themselves and do their best to accomplish what they need to do. Though track is a challenging, time-consuming sport, the team makes it worth their while by going out and doing their personal bests at all of the meets they attend.

NBA playoffs and foreign sensations



Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Teamwork, determination, and athletic skill seem to be this year's goals for teams across the United States competing for the NBA title. Many students and staff here at North Side have the same opinion when asked who will compete for the title. Jeff Olden, PE teacher, said,

"I believe that the Lakers and Mavericks will definitely face off in the finals, and the 6ers and Kings have a pretty good chance."

"I'd like to see the Lakers and the Mavericks compete for the title this year," said

Selwyn Lymon, sophomore. Although the students and staff are rooting for almost the same teams to compete for the biggest title in the history of basketball, most have very different thoughts on who is the best player. Xavier Kinnie, freshman, said,

"I think Allen Iverson is a good player, because he is a good point guard."

"I think Steve Nash is a better point guard than all the players on the teams of the United States," said Olden.

While over the years more foreign players have come into the league, many followers of the NBA question whether newcomer Yao

Ming can be the next Shaq. Dianne Eldridge, freshman, said,

"He most certainly can overthrow Shaq's reputation. No one has really stopped Yao yet."

"Yao Ming is a nobody in my book. He doesn't have enough experience to overtake Shaq," said Lymon.

However as an ample amount of students and staff have opinions and views about who is the best player and which teams will go to the playoffs, no one really knows who will win the championship. Eldridge said,

"Only time will tell who will win. I guess it depends on who wants it the most."

Great high school achievements

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Hard work, determination, and communication skills are what North Side prides its students upon. Many students including Gralan Early, senior, has proved that with those three qualities, nothing is too hard to accomplish. Early has participated on North Side's wrestling team for four years and has competed in state finals three years in a row.

On February 22, Early won the Indiana State championship with a record of 36-0. Early said,

"It feels good to bring a championship home to North Side. If you work hard to accomplish something and you win, it has to feel good."

Although Early worked hard to become the wrestler he is today, he also worked hard to help his teammates along

the way. Daimone Hatch, senior, said,

"He has helped so much this season. He is kind of like a coach to us, just our age."

"Gralan contributed a lot to the team. He gave us tips on how to improve and gave us a different outlook on wrestling to help," said Michael Snelson, freshman.

"Gralan was at every practice and every match. He was there when we needed him most, and I look up to him for that," said Jared Naugle, freshman.

Early is not only a great wrestler; he is a friend to many and what his teachers would say, a perfect scholar. Snelson said,

"I look up to Gralan as a role model. He has helped me tremendously and is a great person over all."

"I support him a lot, and I think everybody is proud of

him and what he has accomplished in his wrestling career," said Hatch.

However, while winning an award is a huge accomplishment for an athlete, there are still sacrifices that need to be made to be the best athlete a person can be. Early said,

"I sacrificed a lot. I stopped talking to friends, stopped other athletic activities to stay in shape, and went on a diet. The biggest thing I had to give up was my freedom."

Early gave advice and tips on wrestling, but in his interview, he also gave great words of wisdom and advice for fellow athletic achievers. Early said,

"Just do the best you can. Work hard and be determined. Set your mind to what you want and do extra things to get where and who you want to be in life."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. April 14	4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Elmhurst (NS Park)
Tues. April 15	4:00PM-Var/Res B track vs. South/Wayne (Chambers Field)
	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Snider/Elmhurst (Chambers Field)
Thurs. April 24	3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Harding (A Fairview)
	4:15PM-V Baseball vs. South Side (A Foster Park)
Wed. April 16	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Harding (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Carroll (A Carroll)
Fri. April 25	4:30PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Dekalb (NS Park)
Mon. April 28	4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Northrop (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Dwenger (A St. Charles)
	4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Snider (NS Park)
Tues. April 29	3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Dwenger (A Lakeside)
	4:15PM-Var/Res B Track vs. Harding/Dwenger (Chambers Field)
Wed. April 30	4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Snider (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Northrop (A Northrop)
Mon. April 21	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Luers (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Canterbury (A Canterbury)
	4:30PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Dekalb (NS Park)
	4:30PM-V Baseball vs. Dekalb (A Dekalb)
	4:30PM-V G Softball vs. Dekalb (A Dekalb)
Fri. April 18	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Carroll (A Carroll)
	4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Carroll (NS Park)
Thurs. April 17	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Luers (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Dwenger (A St. Charles)
	4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Snider (NS Park)
Mon. April 22	3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Concordia (McMillen)
	4:15PM-Var/Res B Track vs. Elm/South/Nrp (Chambers Field)
	4:15PM-V Baseball vs. New Haven (A New Haven)
	4:15PM-4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Wayne (NS Park)
	5:00PM-Var/Res G Track vs. Huntington/Warsaw (A Warsaw)
Tues. April 23	3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Snider (A Lane Field)
	4:30PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Dekalb (NS Park)
Wed. April 21	4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Luers (NS Park)
	4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Harding (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Var/Res G Track vs. Con/Harding (A Concordia)
	4:30PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Columbia City (A Columbia City)
Thurs. May 1	3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. South Side (NS/Elks)
	4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Harding (NS Park)
	4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Columbia City (A Columbia City)
	4:30PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Adams Central (A Adams Central)
Fri. May 2	4:30PM-V G Softball vs. Woodlan (A Woodlan)

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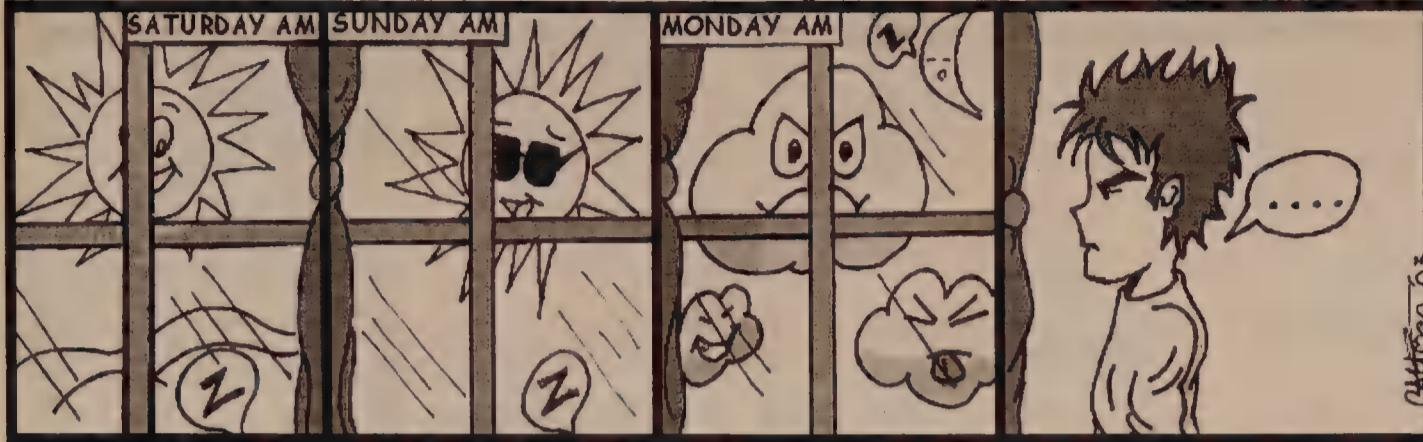
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Recently at the state level speech meet, Senior Andrea Blackman who has been involved with speech since her freshman year place first.

At the competition, she competed against 49 other Dramas from throughout the State of Indiana.

Last year, Blackman was sixth place finalist at state, which is held at North Central High School in Indianapolis. Blackman said,

"The competition is very intimidating! We have so many talented students in our district and because speech is so subjective anyone could win on any given day. That fact alone makes every meet nerve-wracking, it makes competition seem less predictable."

Blackman also appreciates the guidance Speech Coach and Drama Teacher Claryn Myers has given her. Blackman said,

"Mrs. Myers has definitely been my key influence; her coaching has made me want to do better and to compete to the best of my abilities."

Blackman who had been practicing continuously for this event said,

"...I'm pretty sure my drama class can quote my piece by now; I made them listen to me so many times."

Although Blackman has won the state competition, her and a fellow speech team member sophomore Josh Hambrick will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, this June in order to compete at the national level. The two will be performing their memorized duo: "Desire Under the Elms." Congratulations and Good luck at nationals.



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Cafeteria workers fed up with lack of respect

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Most of the time, wrongs that are seen are corrected and made right. Those that go unseen are never wrong. However, here at North Side there is a seen wrong

that has been left to continue.

The crime is committed every school day between the hours of eleven and one, and the crime scene is a large bright room. In between the gossip, fights, and card games in the school cafeteria comes eating. This crime is committed while walk-

ing slowly through the line, and the innocent victims are the cafeteria staff who serve the students. The crime: disrespect.

Profanity, obscenities, arguing, and leaving trays at tables are just a few examples of the disrespect shown toward the cafeteria and custodial staff

by students.

"Students argue with my staff about serving size. They don't have control with the size of a serving," said Patricia Hardiek, Cafeteria Manager.

Why has this become such a problem?

"Peer pressure and a lack of discipline [might be part of it]," said Linda Wirges, Custodian.

Hardiek believes that the students either have a problem with authority or might think that the cafeteria staff does not have authority.

General consensus of the cafeteria staff indicates that this is simply a difficulty with the students and not the staff (teachers and administrators).

How do the staff members involved react to such treatment?

"[I think] it's not fair," said Wirges.

Would disrespect change the desire to perform the same task that before there was absolutely no difficulty performing? North Side's cafeteria staff did not think so.

"It makes you angry," said Hardiek.

There is not a problem with every student, however.

"Most show respect," said Hardiek.

Back lash from budget cuts

Jennifer Ellis
Reporter

states saw the revenue growth fall from August throughout October according to a November report from the National Conference of Legislature. Budget cuts were passed or on the table in twenty-eight states, the report said. Now the states already weakened economies are worsening after September 11th.

Tax cuts have emerged dramatically! During the past three years, the Governor and General Assembly granted 1.4 billion in various tax cuts creating a revenue and expenditure deficit. This structural crisis is the third reason to restructure taxes now. The first group of tax cuts includes property tax reductions totaling approximately 400 million per year.

Because the property taxes fund local government and schools, this creates a growing expenditure in the state budget each and every year. The second group, which includes a \$300 million cut in the revenue of state per year primarily in the Individual Income Tax category. All of these tax reductions were without raising a penny of replacement revenue.

The state paid for these cuts from the budget surplus and now the structure must be repaid. First, the school general and transportation funds and the welfare levies from property tax by 2.374 billion cut must be removed. Second, property taxes cuts must have an increase in sales tax combined with other property taxes. Third, changing Indiana's Individual Income Tax by calculating state income tax as a percentage of taxpayer's federal income tax liability would make it fairer and simpler too.

Washington DC budget cuts have enrollment by fifty percent, New York proposed a \$25 million budget would decrease summer school by thirty-five thousand students, and in Kansas City Summer school may be eliminated all together. For Fort Wayne Community Schools, there will be few opportunities for summer school this year unless something changes drastically in the very near future.



CAFETERIA WORKERS LIKE Leigh Steinke, seen here, experience disrespect from students on a daily basis. The staff believe that a collective effort by all students to show more respect would make the lunch experience more pleasant.
Photo by: Chelsi Altman

New parking lot pains begin

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

Parking in a new lot ended like a swell, idea but the student body does seem to be pleased. Neither do the some of the teachers and other staff. Senior Greg Helkamp said,

"It's a long walk; then I have to walk in

teachers parking lot. There are not enough spaces."

Due to the new parking lot not being large enough for the entirety of the students and the fact that parking along the wall is now reserved for staff, students are

making their own parking spaces. Junior Raina Lyons said,

"The teachers have more spaces than the students when the students outnumber the teachers. I hate it."

There are plenty of legitimate parking spaces in the new student lot, but due to the current lack of spaces, that is not enough.

Some of the makeshift spaces currently used are on the ends of the island that goes down the middle of the lot. This causes traffic problems for those who are trying to leave the lot at the end of the day. They are forced to use only one exit, because most often they cannot access both due to parking in bogus spaces. Senior Jason McKee said,

"I don't like how there are only two exits, and it's really hard to get out."

Sergeant Randy Hosford, who has been forced to write around ten tickets said that it is not enough parking if that is all there is going to be; but if later the students are allowed to park along North Side Drive, like before, it should be okay.

Right now it seems like the parking situation is just causing headaches for all. Lyons who is tired of hearing everyone complaining said,

"I would be here on time, if I didn't have to park in Ohio."

O'Bannon's budget plan also relies on 380 million dollars from the pension stabilization fund to help pay benefits for retired teachers. That would allow the state to end the cycle in the black. The plan also would provide for public schools, and some would provide for shortfalls in school funding this year. The rest would go to academic grants to schools for eliminating the achievement gap and help low performing schools pay for new technology. In addition, the plan transfers 60 million dollars from pension relief intended to help local government pay the cost of firefighters and police officers. Of course, it was the Democrats who for the past two years have blocked anti-recession insurance tax cuts that were proposed by congressional Republicans. Bill Clinton vetoed a 500 billion tax cut bill in 1998 that might have headed off this economic downturn. When candidate George W. Bush proposed a 1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut 18 months ago, Democrats ridiculed the plan, because it would "overheat the economy." Emergency budget cutting continued this week with special legislature session in Arizona, Indiana, and Connecticut with actions taking place in Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, and beyond. Since all states except for Vermont must balance out their budgets, forty-four

ERGEANT RANDY HOSFORD tickets a car illegally parked in a spot designated for the handicapped. Since the completion of the lot, there has been a struggle due to the lack of sufficient parking spots for students.

Photo by: Andy Milenitis

"Masquerade" revealed as theme for prom 2003

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

As the 2003 junior/senior prom, "Masquerade", rapidly approaches, many students are planning the perfect night. Lindsey Pequignot, senior, said,

"Before the dance, I've my hair and nails done. To my own make-up plus Ick up my dress."

However, some plan a strange day. Clarence Stewart, senior, said,

"Well, first I'd pick up my pre-ordered suit at Target. Then I'd pick my date up an hour late, and we would definitely have a lovely evening

at McDonalds before the prom."

While ladies usually spend an average of \$300 on an upscale prom dress, guys usually have a pretty unlimited range for tuxes. For several, this year's prom holds more significance than past dances. Stewart said,

"This is my senior prom. This is my last prom. It can't get any better than that."

"It [the prom] is special for me, because I'm finally a senior. It's hard because I'm a senior, but I've waited for this a long time", said Pequignot.

This year's prom will be held in the IPFW ballroom.

Walb Student Union on May 17, 2003, from 8 to 11 p.m. After prom, there is an "after party" at Rave Theatre that will be held from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

Although many can get carried away with the thought of this being the last dance of high school, some had advice to keep all in line and good taste.

"Have fun and don't do anything that would ruin your night," said Stewart.

Others had words of sincerity for the whole senior class. Pequignot said,

"I love you all and will miss you so much next year."

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Short and sweet



"I get by with a little help from my friends."

- John Lennon



Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-Chief

Throughout each individual's life people seem to come and go. One minute someone is the center of your world, and the next, they are gone without the slightest trace.

During the time in which people get older, they slowly begin to realize that there are times when everyone has to deal with losing someone close to them whether it is due to death, argument, or growing distance. Being young, it felt like the friends that were there would be there forever. Now, however, it becomes clearer that this is not always true. Though friendships may not always last forever, I do not think that it is the number of friends one has or how long these friends stick around that counts. What really matters is how one spends and cherishes the time they have with them. The same goes for all relationships not just friendships. Things are not always everlasting, but that is okay. Of course losing someone always hurts, but the important thing is that the time with them brought happiness. At first it seems like things will never get better, but they always do. Everyone moves on and eventually becomes happier, stronger, and better off because of it.

It is imperative to be caring of others, but not to the point where they walk all over one's feelings. Relationships are all about trust, respect, consideration, patience, communication, and love. Keep in mind that it is how people affect one's life while they are there and what they leave behind when they are gone that matters. People should treasure everyone that comes into their lives, even if they are only there for a moment. It only takes the smallest encounter to make the biggest impact.



Too much being revealed

POSING WHILE PREGNANT Barbie's sister Midge looks proud to be expecting. Are things like this giving youngsters the wrong impression?

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

With children growing up rapidly right before everyone's eyes, they are also being introduced to several different types of clothing and toys. Boys are not as affected by this dramatic change as much as girls.

While spring is in the air and summer on its way, spring clothes and summer bathing suits are now out on all clothing racks in all meager stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's and etc. While out shopping at any store, it is hard to ignore the little skimpy outfits they have for little girls ages 6-10. Besides the little Daisy Duke shorts that are totally inap-

propriate for girls at that age, there are also tight revealing two-piece bathing suits that let everything hang out.

"Now people wonder why little girls are getting harassed, said Junior, Dynasti Prince.

Prince also thinks it is not right that these clothes are being sold to children so young or that parents would approve of their child wearing such thing. Now that clothes are out of the way, toys are not as bad but do look like their catching up. She is the queen of queens; she has the hottest boyfriend in the plastic doll industry. That is right. It is the one and only, Barbie. Last January she surprised those who seen the ad in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette's Sunday paper. us And guess what she is big and pregnant. Every month a new Barbie is released. There she was revealing almost every

inch of her body, with the new lingerie Barbie. And this April Barbie's kid sister Midge is pregnant. The doll sells for \$16.95 and also available is the baby, baby's changing table, and stroller. Now what kind of inspirational impact is pregnant Barbie's sister going to have on little girls? Sooner or later instead of wanting the skimpy outfits and bathing suits they will be asking the parents how to get a big belly like Barbie's sister has.

Now back to reality. No matter what sleazy outfit or toy comes out on the market next, no parent or adult can put a stop to it. The only way that revealing clothes and inappropriate toys can be stopped from being bought is by parents not buying them or allowing them in their homes.

Millions of gaze toward misfortune

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Crunching metal, shattering glass, and the crackling of a house burning to the ground all include some mesmerizing aspect that causes people to stand around until their legs ache creating an audience.

Crowds form when a single person notices an unusual occurrence and stops what he or she is doing to watch. Then another person stops to catch a glimpse of what the initial person is watching with interest, sees that it is different from everyday routine and hangs about to find out how everything turns out. The pattern continues until



large amounts of the public are watching a singular event.

Exactly which aspect of disaster is appealing to the average person?

"The blood, it gives you an adrenaline rush," said junior Sarah Hansen.

"There are some people who have a subliminal fascination with death," said sophomore Joey Waters.

After it is all said and done and police and/or other authorities leave, the crowd eventually disperses.

"I watch until everyone has left," said Hansen.

Being involved is slightly different than watching. Some do not like the audience; some do not notice.

Others love the attention. "Yes, I have been watched; I shattered my elbow. It was great, because I was the center of attention," said Hansen.

"My house burnt down. I really didn't pay much attention to them," said sophomore Shelby Dean.

There are a few, however, who prefer not to watch the lives of others in disaster or turmoil.

"It's just wrong," said freshman Morgan Shuman.



Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Just about every teen has seen an advertisement for a really good movie on television then been disappointed to find out it was rated R. Many teens are torn between the choices of risking getting caught while sneaking in and possibly getting to see the movie or waiting until it is released on video several months later. Riley Carter, freshman, said,

"I sneak into R-rated movies, because I am underage. There is no other way for me to get in."

This is the reoccurring opinions of many teens that are

too young to get into R-rated films. Many theaters state that they make teens show an ID to purchase a ticket to an R-rated film. Although much research has proven that theaters do have this policy, they often do not live up to their own guidelines. Many teens slip past these so-called strict rules that the theaters have. Carter said,

"I use my army skills to get in to R-rated movies undetected. I slip in under their radar."

Although there are many methods teens use to get past the ticket taker, Sarah Hernandez, freshman, said,

"I usually buy a ticket to another movie. Then I stand

outside of the theater [of the R-rated film] and act like I am talking on my cell phone, then when security leaves or is not looking I run into the theater."

Some teens do not even try to be devious about sneaking in to an R-rated film. Yoseph Modarressi, freshman, said,

"I just walk right into the movie; it could not be any easier than that."

A few years ago Fort Wayne got a brand new eight-screen movie theater called *Rave*. This is now the largest and most popular movie theater in Fort Wayne,

What are children mostly influenced by?

Results from student survey.

Jamie Whitehead
Reporter

In these times now, students are being influenced more than ever. We recently took a poll of two classes of sophomores. These students were asked who or what they felt influenced them the most. When taking this poll, we learned that 38% of the students felt that their friends have the most influence on them. This was the highest percentage out of the six categories. Coming in second with 24% was their peers at school. This is because these are the people whom they are around the majority of their days. Although these were the two highest results, parents came in third with 16%.

One student stated, "I feel that it all has to do with how a child is parented." The fourth was television with 13% and fifth was music at 5%. To some, these results were shocking, because of all the controversy on TV concerning this issue. Last was family with 4%. Students are influenced every day by many different things and people. All and all students feel that their friends influence them the most. Maybe now, parents can take this into consideration and try to be a bigger influence in the lives of their children.

On The Down

L O W

Diana Flores

Is Saddam Hussein alive or dead?

Senior



Steve Plys

"Yeah, why not
He's alive."

Junior



Dynasti Prince

"Of course he's alive, he has to be."

Sophomore



Thom Garrett

"He's dead."

FRESHMEN



Katie Gabet

"He's alive, b/c
the war would be over by now
if not."

TWO NOTEBOOKS AND A PENCIL



Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Many fears plague me in my day-to-day life. Rejection, calculators, or punching when the class is very quiet, cotton balls. But one fear has become extremely apparent: I have eight legs, millions of eyes, and scurries about in bloodthirsty frenzies. Having an attached garage makes my house swarm with these little buggers, and one weekend I had an unpleasant run-in with an army of them.

I was watching television at about midnight, and I suddenly saw one of these little devils hanging down from the ceiling against the light of the TV. You have to understand that these are the scary, transparent "glow-in-the-dark" when it is not dark" color that is creepy in its own sense. So I decided to throw a bucket that was lying next to the couch. I heard the satisfying crunch of the jerk as the bucket hit the wall and went back to my movie.

An hour later, I saw another one. Having chucked my trusty bucket across the room, I searched for something else to throw but only found my shoes. Not wanting to send my precious shoes flying unwillingly into enemy territory, I got up, turned on the light and squashed him. I then attempted to sit back down on the couch, but not two seconds later, another one had already made his way onto the floor and was actually coming after me! I showed him, though. His life was ended then and there with the quick stomp of the shoe that was still in my hand.

This all was a bit curious to me. Three spiders in a matter of an hour. Even for my house that is a lot. I looked up, and to my utter disgust and horror, there were entire armies of them on the ceiling. They were just crawling around and plotting their revenge on me. They seemed angry. They were angry. I was terrified.

I shrieked, grabbed my blankets and shoes and booked out of there. Running into the kitchen, I thought I was safe but then, when I looked on the ceiling, there were more. All over, crawling about with their hairy legs and big bodies.

Horrified, I ran down the hall and got halfway to my room before I felt something crawling on me. I screamed, dropped everything and attempted to rub my skin against everything possible in a desperate attempt to get it off of me.

Once in my room, I violently shook my blankets out and tried to rid my life of all the terror by going to sleep. I have been scared for life and no longer will I be able to peace fully watch a movie in my living room without a squirt bottle and a few buckets.

Legend #2: The legend of the kidney heist. This is one that has brought upon many arguments as to whether or not this is truly

Elephant outweighs the competition

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Raw, jagged sounds of the rock revival band "The White Stripes" do not compare to the flawless, smooth sounds of easy flowing music that is synonymous with such artists like Justin Timberlake and Nelly. To even put them together in the same category or on the same channel is an insult. An insult to "The White Stripes."

Elephant is the fourth and newest addition to the Stripes' series of albums which include *The White Stripes*, *De Stijl* and *White Blood Cells*. This album is free from any computer mixing and mastering and blends the sounds of Jack White's raw guitar and vocals with the less than magnificent percussive ef-

forts of Meg White. Obviously, a metronome must be considered a "computer" by the Stripes and was banned from the studio. This compilation, though, she seems to have improved since the last album as she only messes up the tempo on one or two songs.

Despite Meg's drumming, one seems to realize, after becoming a loyal White Stripes fan, if the beat was anything but basic and a bit off, there would be no Stripes. The simple and inconsistent rhythm defines the essential backbone of the Stripes. The White Stripes are not a mediocre band underneath masses and masses of ornamentation; they utilize the primary elements of rock music.

Elephant has many standout tracks. Their first released single, "Seven Nation

Army," begins with what sounds like a bass guitar, but since the Stripes have no bass player, one has to assume that the low booming is simply Jack plucking rather low on his guitar. It gets the job done, though. Also there is a wonderful cover of Burt Bacharach's "I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself" and the fast tempos on "Black Magic" and "Hypnotize" leave the listener with a heightened excitement and adrenaline rush.

Overall, this CD is very satisfying. The overlying theme is as the Stripes put it "The death of the sweetheart." In a materialistic world where cheap thrills are the only desired form of entertainment, this album allows the listeners to see and understand the beauty and enjoyment of true love.



"Elephant" the new White Stripes CD was recorded without the use of computers, but with retro recording equipment. This CD is sure to be a smash hit. Photo submitted by: Chrissy Robinson

Big night for showcase singers

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Singing voices of award-winning high school choirs will fill the atmosphere of North Side High School's jam-packed auditorium for a couple hours during the evening of May 9.

At 7:30 p.m., the vocally inclined Redskins who form the three NS jazz choirs (All That Jazz, That's Jazz Too, and Voice Jazz III) will perform. Following will be the "Wave of Distinction", the Redskin show choir.

In between songs, the students who sang at state competition will perform solos and duets.

"I'm really nervous, because I've never sung in front of a lot of people before," said junior Cindy Harter.

"Different styles will be represented in the solos," said Margaret Buttermore, choir teacher.

Some such solo styles in-

clude Broadway and Moulin Rouge.

The cost to attend this event is four dollars for adults and three dollars for students.

General consensus of those involved states that all choirs are well prepared for the evening of performance.

"I think we'll be well prepared," said Buttermore. "The choirs are award-winning, and we are preparing those performing solos."

"The show choir is very prepared," said junior Sabrina Barrand.

The showcase is more than just a spring concert for some of the students singing that night.

"The showcase is the last time I will be able to perform with my friends," said Barrand.

"It is one big show for the Jazz choirs and show choir instead of many shows. It makes it easy for people to come and see all of it," said sophomore Allison Dill.

Urban legends create modern day fears

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Hauntings, murder, and strange creatures are part of the nation's past; yes, believe it or not there is a long history of legends, myths, and folklore that form many fears and thoughts people have. Though many of the urban legends people hear are not true, some have never been proven true or false. The stories range from ghostly figures to lake monsters and criminals huddled in the back seats of a car waiting for the driver to return. Some stories are so far fetched that even the most gullible people are not persuaded.

Legend #1: This legend is of the ankle-slasher. There are many versions of the story; most start with a innocent young woman coming out of the mall. When she reaches her car to unlock the door, she is suddenly stricken with pain as she reaches for her ankles she sees blood flowing from her ankle, but before she realizes what happened, she is pulled under the car and murdered.

Allison Dill, sophomore, said, "I read it (the legend of the ankle-slasher) on an email, and it said to beware. I thought it could happen, but I wasn't scared of it."

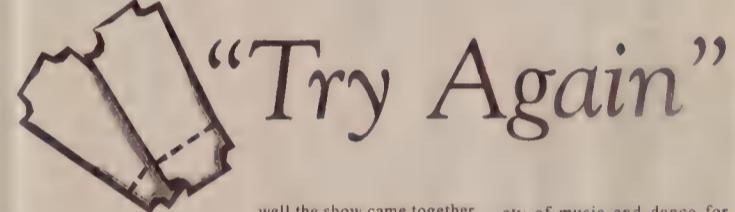
People who have studied this urban legend say that they traced this story all the way back to the 1950s, and that there is little or no evidence that this is true. Legend #2: The legend of the kidney heist. This is one that has brought upon many arguments as to whether or not this is truly

possible. It seems a little unrealistic that there is an organ thief on the loose. This one was most popular in the early 90s and has since been a hot topic on the urban legend circuit. This legend begins with some friends at a bar, and one has a little too much fun. One of the friends tells the group that they are leaving with someone they met. The next day, they receive a call from the friend saying he is in a room at a hotel, and he thinks something is wrong. The friends come and find blood and a scar on their friend's back. They find out that the person who he had left with drugged him and took his kidney. Senior Tiara Kincade does not believe most of the legends that have been told to her, or that she has seen in movies or on television she said.

"Who wakes up with their insides on the outside wouldn't you be dead?" This is proven to be untrue, it is nearly impossible to keep a human organ alive under these circumstances. In most of the stories of the kidney heist, it involved the "organ thief" running off with the kidney in a cooler.

There are so many myths and legends that keep people on their toes when in a parking lot or partying with some friends. Most of the urban legends are untrue and are used for a good scare or as a warning to be careful about certain situations in life. Though the truth is still yet to be told of many of the stories that are told, there is little evidence to support most.

When all else fails



Amanda Fromm
Reporter

With last minute changes, frustrating classes, and intense rehearsals all behind them, dance students anxiously awaited the arrival of this year's dance show, "Try Again", for many weeks. The theme of this year's show not only was very original but was also thought up from personal experiences. Stanita Lang, sophomore, said,

"As everyone messes up occasionally, the theme was actually made to raise the spirits of those who have had rough times. Basically, if you mess up, try again."

Many of the dance students were pleased with how

well the show came together so quickly. Briana Sosenheimer, freshman, said,

"The show was running smoothly and the students got their numbers down really well. The show was a huge success."

Although the show was coming along fantastically, some students had injuries, either relating to outside activities or dance, that prevented them from practicing for the show. Lang said,

"I dislocated my shoulder while playing volleyball, so I couldn't practice for the show or do any physical activity at all."

While jazz, hip-hop, ballet, modern, and tap were all incorporated into the show, no one was disappointed at the show. Emily Lydy, sophomore, said,

"There was a wide vari-

ety of music and dance for everyone's taste."

As every dance show is different, many had a feeling that this year's show would have a higher success rate than past shows. Laurie Kemper, senior, said,

"This show was really awesome. The freshmen was very enthusiastic and worked harder than ever to put things together. It [the show] was great."

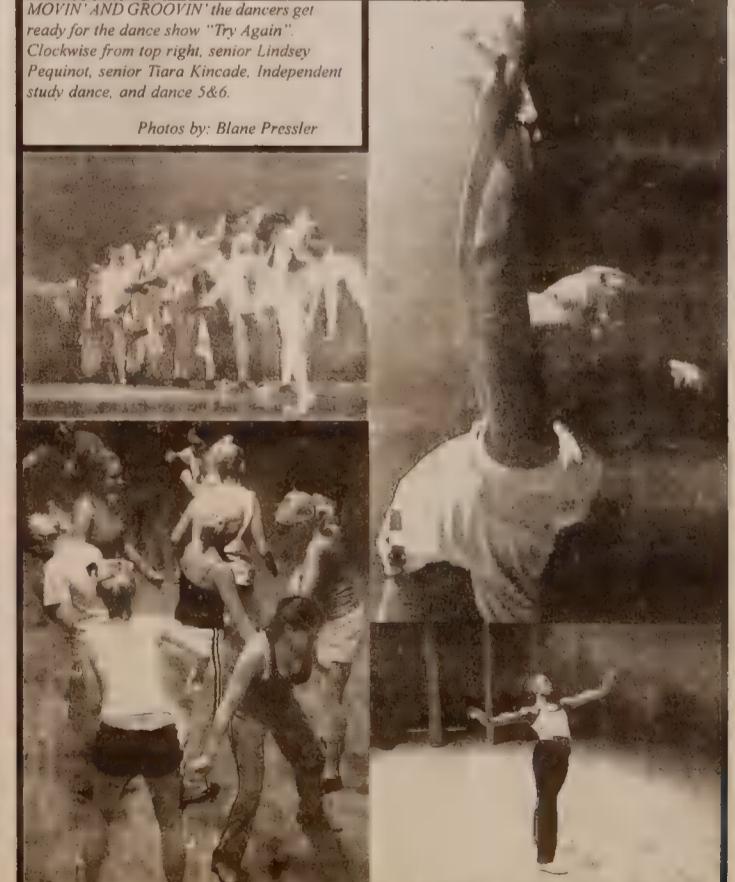
Several students who participated in dance this year gave advice to underclassmen and future dance students. Amanda Lepper, sophomore, said

"Try your hardest, pay attention, and have fun, because that is what dance is all about."

"I can't emphasize anything else than to pay attention at all times and always smile," said Kemper.

MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' the dancers get ready for the dance show "Try Again". Clockwise from top right, senior Lindsey Pequinot, senior Tiara Kincade, Independent study dance, and dance 5&6.

Photos by: Blane Pressler



Batter up for baseball

Trevor Baugher
Guest Reporter

With many roster and coaching changes, the 2003-2004 MLB season has started off this year a little differently. The Chicago Cubs are in first place for the first time in a long time in the Central Division of the national league. Their recently required pitcher, Tom Glavine, and new head coach, Dusty Baker, has lit a spark to this young starting rotation and has lead them to a 13-9 record.

Other surprises are teams that seem to be low caliber in first place in their divisions as well. The Montreal Expos, a team who was up for being sold last year, have made an astonishing start with the record of 12-9. They are doing so well that they are tied with the best record in their respective conference with such teams as the Atlanta Braves, who have lost many of their pitchers from the previous seasons, and the young and upcoming Philly Phillies.

The biggest surprise in the National league must be the San Francisco Giants. Some might respond to the statement with awe. Losing a former MVP and All-Star second basemen in Jeff Kent and losing the intimidating pitching front Russ Ortiz would put a damper on things. Yet Barry Bonds has yet again proved never to underestimate his will and skill.

Such players as Austin Kearns and Adam Dunn from the heavy hitting Cincinnati Reds are leading the league in home runs. Jim Edmonds is leading the league in batting average, and Todd Helton is leading the league in runs. These stats are not very surprising from these two since they have been doing it for the last couple of years.



SOFTBALL SEASON SWINGS

AWAY

Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Every veteran athlete has an opinion on how a season is shaping up. North Side's girl's softball players are no different. Brittany Chamness, junior, said,

"I feel good about this season. I think we have a good chance this year, since we have Megan Bryant back pitching for us. Also since DeKalle is not in this year, we have a good chance at sectionals."

Of course as in every team, there is always one player who stands out over all. Karen Freistroffer, senior, said,

"I think Megan Bryant will shine the most this season, because she didn't get to play last year."

Some of the pro-ball players do not always have positive attitudes about teammates, although the girls on the softball team are different. Freistroffer said,

"We are all friends. We all get along with each other."

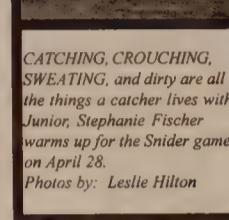
When it comes to wins, the odds are hard to weigh. Chamness said,

"I believe we will have a lot of wins this year, because we have a strong team."

Since most of the players on the softball team are veterans of the sport, most feel comfortable about their



THROW, FIELD, HIT the girl's softball team warms up before the game with Snider on April 28, 2003. Senior, Karen Freistroffer (left) warms up by fielding and throwing with fellow teammates.



CATCHING, CROUCHING, SWEATING, and dirty are all the things a catcher lives with. Junior, Stephanie Fischer warms up for the Snider game on April 28.

Photos by: Leslie Hilton



upcoming games.

"I feel prepared for our games. We practice hard and work at our weaknesses," said Chamness.

Although Jamie Wilkins, senior, had a different view;

"I do not feel prepared for my games, because my position is catcher this year," said Wilkins. "I have never played this position before, and I am nervous about it. I usually play second base."

Every player has a different reason for joining the team this year. Wilkins said,

"I joined the softball team this year, because I like it. I like my teammates, and it is fun."

Girl's tennis heats up

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

For the remaining weeks of the school year, the members of the girls' tennis team plunge forward for a season of wins. With Bonnie Kahn coaching the team, the members are confident about the fresh, new season.

"I think we are all getting better," said freshman Brittany Long.

This is Long's first year on the team.

"I've been on the team for about two months now. I watched tennis on TV and thought it looked fun, so I decided if I loved watching it why not join [the team]."

Along with the freshmen of the team, the more experienced players are pleased with how the team has turned out.

"Our singles are good," said junior Brianna Blake. "It's a challenging sport, and it takes a lot of skill."

For Blake, this is not her first year of being on the team.

"I've been on the team for three years," said Blake. "[I] joined when my friend and I started playing on the team together."

Together, the teammates agree the Coach Kahn is a great coach and person to work with.

"I like her a lot. She corrects our mistakes and works with us," said freshman Andrea Cox.

"She is great. She helps you by telling you what you are doing wrong and how you can improve," said Long.

Before a match, the girls all have their own way of preparing themselves for a tough competition.

"[The team] let's me sing," said Blake.

"I warm-up like a regular practice," said Cox.

No matter how the girls get ready, the team is always focused on working together to win a match. Long said,

"[I want] to try my best to get a win and to play well. We need to improve and beat Harding."

Each girl has her own way of individually helping out the team.

"I can keep practicing," said Cox.

This is Cox's first year on the team as a freshman.

"I like to play tennis," said Cox.

"It's a very involved sport, and it's really fun."

As the school weeks slowly come to an end, the girls' tennis team are not going to give competing schools a good chance to win this season. All of the girls want to place well as they show their love for the sport.

"I love how a match can totally turn around," said Long. "You can win the first set and lose the entire match."

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 2
4:30PM-V G Softball vs. Woodlan (A Woodlan)

Monday, May 5
3:30PM-Reserve B Golf Reserve Meet (A Colonial Oaks)
4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Elmhurst (A Elmhurst)
4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Northrop (A Northrop)
4:30PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Norwell (A Norwell)

Tuesday, May 6
3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Northrop (H Ellics)
4:00PM-V Track SAC Meet (A Northrop)
4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Northrop (A Northrop)
4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Wayne (H NS Park)

Wednesday, May 7
4:00PM-Reserve B Track SAC Reserve Meet (A Snider)
4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Dwenger (H NS Park)
4:00PM-Reserve G Track vs. Luers (A Luers)
4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Luers (H NS Park)

Thursday, May 8
3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Luers (A McMillen)
4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Luers (H NS Park)
4:30PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Huntington (H NS Park)

Friday, May 9
4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. South Side (A Foster Park #3)

Monday, May 12
4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Concordia (A Concordia)
4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Snider (H NS Park)
4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Elmhurst (H NS Park)
4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Elmhurst (A Elmhurst)

Tuesday, May 13
3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Elmhurst (A ELKS)
4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Elmhurst (A Elmhurst)
4:30PM-Var/Res B Track vs. Snider/Huntington (H Chambers Field)

Wednesday, May 14
4:00PM-Var/Res G Tennis vs. Wayne (H NS Park)
4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Dwenger (H NS Park)
4:15PM-Var/Res G Track vs. Wayne/Dwenger (H Chambers Field)

Thursday, May 15
3:30PM-V B Golf vs. Wayne (H ELKS)
4:15PM-Var/Res B Track vs. Columbia City (H Chambers Field)
4:15PM-V ASeaball vs. Dwenger (H NS Park)

Monday, May 19
4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Northrop (A Northrop)
4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Concordia (H NS Park)
4:15PM-V G Softball vs. Concordia (A Zoliner)

Tuesday, May 20
3:30PM-Var/Res B Track vs. Snider (H ELKS)
4:15PM-V Baseball vs. Concordia (A Concordia)
4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. South Side (A Packard Park)

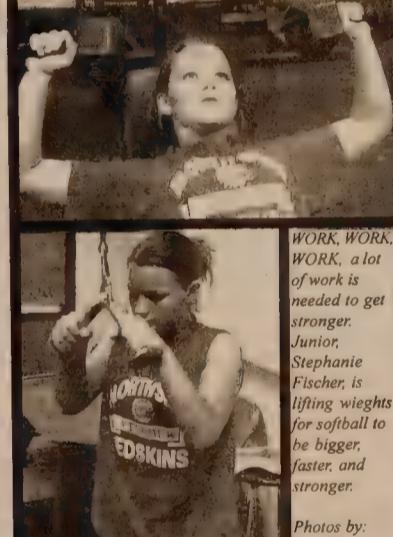
Wednesday, May 21
4:30PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Belmont (H NS Park)
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4:15PM-Reserve G Softball vs. Norwell (A Markle Park)
4:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Huntington (H ELKS)
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Monday, May 26
3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Homestead (A Chestnut Hills)
4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Homestead (A Homestead)

Tuesday, May 27
3:30PM-Var/Res B Golf vs. Homestead (A Chestnut Hills)
4:15PM-Reserve Baseball vs. Homestead (A Homestead)

Wednesday, May 28
4:40PM-V Baseball vs. Homestead (H NS Park)



Weight training proves useful

Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

closely associated with men's sports like football and wrestling, but some girls utilize the benefits of weight lifting and do so during their sports seasons.

"It's just something I do during my sports seasons to stay in shape," junior Julie Jackson said.

For others, the cosmetic effects weight lifting has on the body is reason enough. Junior Alex Akey spends almost everyday before school and three days a week during the summer lifting shape.

"The guys handle it well," said Engler. "They can run at Franke Park in a foot of snow and make it a positive experience either by making it fun or by using it as a badge of honor."

"I do it to stay in shape," junior Steve Oetting said, "to attempt to stay in shape, at least." For Oetting, lifting was only natural to get into. He threw shot-put in middle school, and the benefits of lifting weights allowed him to become a better participant. Because he started so early, his bench max has risen considerably.

"I've been increasing my max per year," Oetting said. "My max now is 235, but when I began it was 185."

Weight lifting is often

popular within the last few years. Some sports participants find it beneficial in helping them stay fit and in good health during their off season.

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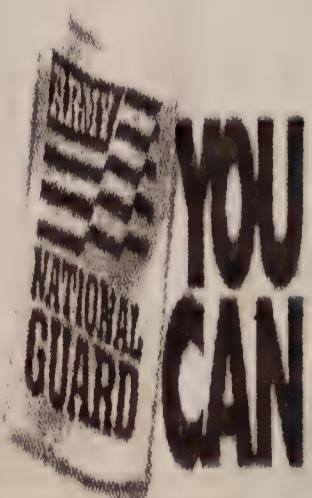
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HANDSHAKES ARE FOR strangers! Senior Brandon Nickel hugs Kathy Bennet during the Pride Day celebration. Seniors got the chance to bid farewell to the teachers they had throughout their years at North Side

Photo by: Leslie Hilton

Close the book, it's nearly over

Leslie Hilton
Features Editor

Making her way through North Side halls, senior Amy Rodda arrives at the mysterious "Senior Meeting". There she is met by the faces of many of her overly-excited classmates, some of whom talked light-heartedly with their friends and others who used it as a chance to catch up on old times.

This would be one of the last times the seniors would be able to gather together as a group. Although they had been attending the same school for the last four years, which at times had probably

seemed like an eternity, it would all too soon be wrapping up all too soon. The high school chapter of their lives would be coming to a close.

After the meeting was concluded, they lined up in preparation for a walk filled with emotions and pride. Rodda said,

"I felt proud to see all the teachers with whom I have such great relationships with."

When it came time for the seniors to make their walk through the tunnel of teachers, the recognition of outstanding achievements began. Students were recognized for both athletic and academic triumphs. Rodda said,

"It's a very good North Side tradition, something the seniors look forward to and a way to recognize the students and not just the seniors. Plus they're recognized in front of the student body and not just their parents."

The assembly also went on to feature performances from the Color Guard and "Wave of Distinction."

"The tunnel was cool; it was a neat experience to get

Back to the Future" a huge success

Andy Milentis
News Editor

In the 75-year history of North High School, many students have walked up the front steps overlooking the St. Joe River. The crowd gathered in front of these steps Saturday May 3, was quite unlike any group before it. On that evening, North Side was host to the North Side Alumni Association's Back to the Future celebration, an event honoring school's diamond anniversary.

Preceding the ceremonies, North Side students gathered the front of the school and caught with classmates while the North Side Band played tunes reminiscent of the school's 75-year history. Vintage cars were parked in the lawn possibly resembling the ones once parked in the parking lot. The North Side cheerleaders were present to lead the procession into the school.

One of the most memorable events was the option for the guests to sift through mementos in the Redskin Room. The room was filled with past

volumes of The Northerner and The Legend along with photos from years ago along with memorabilia organized by year. Also,

the historic footage of North Side's basketball teams of the 50's, 60's, and 70's could be viewed and purchased.

The highlight of the event was a "time machine" like dance show that took place in the auditorium at 10:00. It was a dance celebration featuring popular dance moves from each decade of North Side's existence performed by the Independent Dance class. Following the performance, a live band, Stardust, serenaded Alumni as they danced on the gym floor.

The NSHAA could not have given North Side a better Diamond Anniversary celebration. The memory of this event will stay in the minds of all who attended.

Staff superlatives from upper classmen

Teacher Nomination

Female

Male

Smartest
Sliestest
Most intellectual
Best notes
Most likely to be mistaken for a student
Most motherly/fatherly
Most likely to give advice
Most athletic
Most decorated room
Most cluttered desk
Most dressed
Most organized desk
Most energetic
Most fun/funny
Most sensitive
Most homework
Most videos shown
Most likely to be in a soap opera
Most hair

Sherry Gerber
Donna Riedmiller
Susan Boesch
Jean Norwalk
Marcy Ryan
Nita Auer
Dee Heman
Nita Auer
Molly Franz
Margaret Buttemore
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Exclusive Senior Recognition Night Coverage!



Construction lags behind

Paul Short
Sports Editor

During the remaining weeks of school, the construction workers are trying to pick the pace up. Site superintendent, Jeff McAfee, thinks that the process is moving along fairly well. McAfee said,

"This summer we will continue to do the footings for the new buildings and that will be our main job. There will also be some demolition."

As teachers try to conduct class, the sounds of hammering, drilling, and sawing can be heard. That is the sound of the construction workers ripping the old parking lot up, or establishing the footing for the brand new North Side gym. Electrical

foreman, John Smith, said, "This summer I don't know what will be done. They never gave us a new schedule, because they lost the last one. We are also behind a month and a half, because the contracts were not signed. The building permits were also delayed."

Now that the construction is underway, all that can stop the process is rain. Even though the project has already begun, it started pretty slow. Smith said,

"So far for me, it has been slow starting."

Although getting started has been a slow process, the crews are already looking forward to what the school will look like next fall. Smith said,

"Next fall you will see the footings and steel being placed for the new gym. You might even see the new gym walls."

By next fall, the old parking lot should already be torn out. McAfee said,

"You will see the existing structure itself plus the old parking lot will be either part of the school or in construction."

Right now it does not look like anybody can tell where the project will be by next fall. Whether it be the new gym or the old parking lot torn, the outcome is unseen. Hopefully both of them can be under construction by the time the students get back from summer vacation. This project still has a long way to go before the final product is ready to be seen, but the wait will be worth the time spent. When the project is done, the school will look bigger and better, there will be more room and technology to update the school's out-of-date facilities.

"Honestly, I felt very secure when I entered this job, because there is always a need for teachers."

Since the notices have been handed out, teachers who have been laid off have been looking for other jobs. Battershell said,

"I am planning on looking for another teaching job; I will just have to do what I have to do to get by."

While others have other plans,

"I am entitled to unemployment, three-hundred dollars a week, which is not bad for doing nothing. I will most likely sub and go back to school to get my Master's Degree in Education. Otherwise I am financially secure, because of my husband's job," said Neel. Most of the teachers do not have any hard feelings. Neel said,

"I think Fowler-Finn has a hard job. Fort Wayne Community Schools is not making the cuts, the State is. So there is no one to blame but the voters who put them in office."

The feelings on how North Side spends their money is diverse. Ryan said,

"I think the school does a fine job with the money. I think it would be hard to handle money when there is not a lot in the first place."

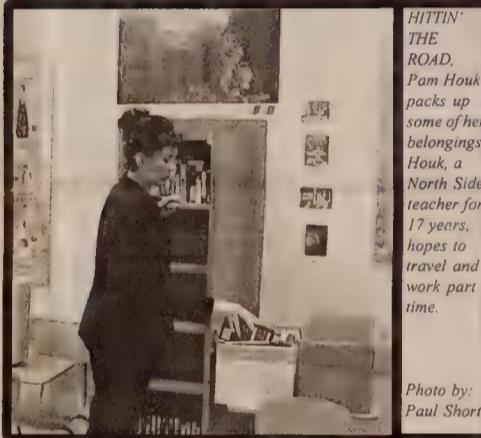
While others have some opposing opinions. Battershell said,

"I think they could have looked at the waste in the school system and looked closer at the overstaffing and cut the people who were not needed earlier."

Others also have a different opinion. Neel said,

"I think that the school system has not spent its money on its students or in ways to benefit the students properly."

There is one thing that can be said that is definite; all teachers will be missed.



HITTIN'
THE
ROAD.
Pam Houk
packs up
some of her
belongings.
Houk, a
North Side
teacher for
17 years,
hopes to
travel and
work part
time.

Photo by:
Paul Short

Layoffs come as surprise to teachers

Kelly Claypool
Reporter

Teachers are finishing up the few weeks remaining this school year, and for some, this will be the last year at the current job. Due to budget cuts in the Fort Wayne Community School system, teachers are being laid off to meet the new budget. Most of the educators received a notice near the end of April or in early May. Jenny Neel, English teacher, said,

"I expected to be cut at first, but the older teachers told me not to worry; that I was too important to cut. I got my hopes up [that I wouldn't be cut]."

Although all newer teachers were not cut, some teachers were just put on a surplus list.

If a teacher was put on a surplus list, it means that that teacher still has a job within the

Fort Wayne Community School system, although not at the current school but at another school within the system. Marci Ryan, Biology Teacher, said,

"Since I am on the surplus list, I will just have to go to another Fort Wayne Community high school. Although I would like to stay here."

Most teachers felt very secure when entering the teaching profession. Teaching has always been viewed as one of the most secure occupations. However, now many new teachers are forced to face the harsh reality of a budget cut.

"I felt secure when I came into this job. I had no idea that cuts like this happened regularly," said Neel.

Most can remember when there was a shortage in teachers. Ken Battershell, Social Studies Teacher, said,

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**Bon
Voyage,
Adios,
and
Good-bye**

Ashley Alfeld
Editor-in-chief

It looks like this is the end... sniff... sniff. It is the end of the road and a conclusion to my stay at North Side. It is hard to believe that this is the last paper I will ever help publish. There will be no more high school classes, crazy lunchroom madness, or trying to pummel my way through the crowded turmoil more dearly known as the hallway.

I must admit that high school has had its rough spots with the massive amounts of homework and the he said/she said fights, but all-in-all high school has truly been the four best years of my life. Senior year seemed to top it all off by being the ultimate time for fun, new friendships, and crazy drama. I think that at this very moment most, if not all, seniors would be willing to admit that they are truly going to miss high school; I know I will. I have been through a great deal during my stay here. I lost old friends, made new ones, laughed, cried, stressed out over schoolwork, and just went out and partied hard. These four years have without a doubt been times of wild ups and downs.

Before I go, I would first like to thank the entire North Side staff, especially my old teachers, for all that they have done for me as well as for my graduating class. Without your help, we would all probably end up as lazy bums who mooch off our parents for the rest of our lives. Whether they realize it or not, the staff's hard work has not gone unappreciated. So to all the staff and workers, I would like to say thanks for everything.

To my friends, I want every one of them to know that I love them so much! The time-shared has made the last four years amazing. There have certainly been some great times and out of control memories. Thanks so much for always being there. I hope everyone stays in touch. I also hope all of my friends stay out of jail as long as possible, and I want them to remember that I am always here for bail money!

To all the underclassmen out there, I just want to advise everyone to enjoy their high school career. Do not let the bad times get you down. There will be plenty more good times to make up for them. Be sure to have fun, study hard, and party even harder!

Good luck to one and all. I wish each and every person the very best in life. Thanks for a terrific and unforgettable four years. The class of 2003 rules!



We salute the class of 2003

To all seniors, this is the day many have been waiting for. Best wishes to all.

Diana Flores
Opinion Editor

Leaving middle school while entering high school every freshman has had the jitters of being underclassmen. They all think that the four years left of their life of high school will go by so slowly, and it will take an eternity for them to graduate and be out on their own. From being in kindergarten and having magic carpet times when the crazy kindergarten teacher who smelled like moth balls and who never failed to have red lipstick on her teeth would read the story of the day to those extra huge Crayola crayons that would be handed out for coloring time are just some of the earlier schooling experiences students have. Yes, those were the days. But then high school came and all the fun felt like it came to a stop, but actually the fun was just beginning. Of course that never stopped the tests or quizzes from coming, but high school gave all students the opportunity for those students to mature and look

forward to the future. Now the class of 2003 will soon say good-bye to everything and everyone here. All seniors have put their twelve years in and did the work that was needed to be done in order to walk down the aisle with their cap and gown. Senior, Mellisa Snyder, says she will miss everyone but is happy that it is finally over with.

"Class of 2003 rocks," said Snyder.

Snyder once thought she would never make it to graduation day due to her reading disability and it being difficult for her in some classes. But she proved herself and others wrong. She stuck in there and never gave up. One person who helped her and had a huge impact in her life was a former teacher here at N.S. Michelle Mineke. Snyder also struggled with the ISTEP also known as GQE due to her disability.

"It is important for students to pass the ISTEP, if not they need to complete the required hours needed for a waiver," said Snyder.

Dress codes broken as summer approaches

Jennifer Ellis
Reporter

L.E.I., Abercrombie and Fitch, Guess, Burberry, and Gap are just some of the name brands worn here at North Side. Very simple dress codes are enforced here compared to a private school that can be very strict or unpleasing. Stylish clothes make a fashion statement as well as identity and for most individuality. Why would anyone want to go around for seven and half hours looking like hundreds of other students the whole day. Jena Barley, sophomore, said

"I agree with North Side's dress code. It is easy to follow, and as a female I do not like seeing people overexposed by showing body parts that should not be shown. I like to see people's personalities and identity through colorized dress code. The dress code is pretty easy thing to follow it is okay with me."

Maybe a dress code would not be so bad. Waking up and putting on clothes that were worn a couple of days ago would be easier. A formal dress code would be a privilege to those who are not so fortunate and would not have to keep up with the fashion today. Tonya Cryer, sophomore,

"I enjoy anything that can fit into my budget, clothes like Tommy Hilfiger, G2G, and Hollister

are some of the clothing lines that I like. Our dress code policy is simple. As high school students, we should know what things to wear to school, and out of school. I do not like seeing people showing more than they would usually wear if they were with their parents. As a sophomore, "I obey all the rules here at North Side".

Clothing or jewelry that carry tobacco, drugs, or alcohol products are not permitted here at North Side High School. Shirts and dresses have to cover the whole body and not to be a distraction to others. Some skirts and shorts are permissible year round so the length of the shorts and skirts must come to the individual's fingertips. Pants are to be worn at the waistline and not below. Clothing with holes in inappropriate places will cause the student to be asked to remove the clothing and replace it with another piece of clothing or a parent will have to bring in extra clothing to wear. Lewis Allen, senior, said

"Our dress code here stinks, because dudes are not allowed to sag or wear hats. To me, hats are a part of you and your outfit. It doesn't mean that you are involved with a gang; it's just another piece of your clothing. As long as we do not have the dress code like at Lake Side Middle School, then I can deal with it."

ting classes that students really want to take."

With all of the class cuts that are being made, the students are being affected in a major way. LeClear said,

"My Japanese class being cut affects me big time. I will only get to learn two years of Japanese; then I will have to find another way to learn it."

Not only do class cuts affect the students already involved in the foreign languages that are being cut, it also affects those who wished to take them in upcoming years. Andy Smathers, freshman, said,

"I was going to take Latin next year, but now [due to class

Snyder is only one of several seniors ready to get out on their own. Senior, Jaqual Jones, says it feels good to be leaving high school. Jones cut it close to graduating this year due to being in some trouble early in the year.

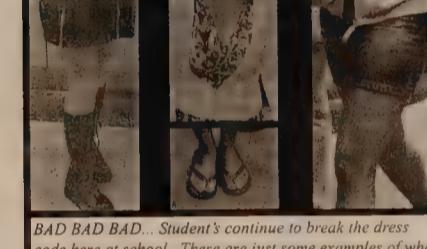
"I never thought I would make it, but look at me now," said Jones.

Jones has had two special people in his life to help him succeed to graduating. His father, who straightened up his act for Jones to prove that he could do it if he just put his mind to it. And one of his teacher's Jennifer Vaughan, Special Education Department head and has helped. She has pushed, and dragged Jones to this very day to see him walk down with his cap and gown. Jones has some good and

positive news for the class of 2004. He wants to let them know it is not going to be easy, but whatever happens keep on going and believing in themselves.

"It's been fun, but now it's time to say good-bye," Said Jones.

The years pass by so quickly and time flies by right before everyone's eyes. High school are the best four years of a teenagers life. Meeting different people and trying out new things in new environments is what being a teenager in high school is all about. Although high school feels like a lifetime within the four years spent in school memories, people will never be forgotten. To all seniors, the work done and time spent here in high school was all worthwhile. Good luck to all.



BAD BAD BAD... Student's continue to break the dress code here at school. These are just some examples of what is being worn now.

Photo by: Diana Flores

Joys of laughter

Blane Pressler
Features Editor

Earnest means to be truthful, and to be truthful, the film remake of the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" is interesting and witty.

Before digging into an analysis of the film, the basic plot should be covered. The play itself was first performed in the late 1800s, so that gives an idea of exactly how old it is. The plot begins with Algernon (Rupert Everett- "My Best Friend's Wedding") and his close friend Jack (Colin Firth- "Bridget Jones's Diary"), who also goes by the name of Earnest attempting to get Jack (or Earnest) engaged to the women of his dreams, Gwendolen (Frances O'Connor-A. I.).

Jack is the name he goes by in the country at his home, but when he comes into the city he develops an alter ego that he calls Earnest. This Earnest character is the one whom Gwendolen falls for. Earnest is in love with Gwendolen, and her heart is set on marrying a man named Earnest (the film nor the play really get into the fascination with the whole Earnest name thing).

On top of all this, Algernon, Jack's friend, decides that he would like to use this second lifestyle for his own fun. He goes to Jack's coun-

try home and poses as Jack's city brother Earnest. At the country home, Jack's niece Cecily (Reese Witherspoon- "Legally Blonde") falls for Earnest (the Algernon city brother Earnest).

Both Gwendolen and Cecily end up together with both men at the country house, and the ladies think they have fallen for the same man. This is where the plot gets hairy; this is a good place to stop. It gives the plot a few good details but leaves the ending untold and unspoiled.

This old comedy is a very sophisticated piece of literature, but the film took certain parts and tried to modernize them a little. A play written that long ago would have to have modifications to entertain the general audiences of today. The alterations are needed to add a little spice to it. For example, one of the ladies gets a tattoo, and a musical number was added in the mix of confusion at the end. It seems odd but it fits with what is going on in the plot at the time.

It is a very interesting film with a great cast. Each adds a little something to the extremely confusing, very thought-provoking plot.

The film was a fresh twist on a very old play that brings a modern feel to the classic comic plot of confusion and love.

On The Down
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with....
Diana Flores

Out of all 4
years of high
school, what
is one thing
you will never
forget?

(Class of 2003)

Jaqual Jones

"If it wasn't for
Mrs. Vaughan
would not be
graduating. I
never forgot
her."

Mellisa Snyder

"I will never
forget the
tragedy of
Columbine."

Leana Leffle

"Moving from
a small school
to a
huge school."

Randy Garre

"Students setti
off fireworks
in the cafeteria"

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Tiara Kincade

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Students sketch away school year

Two notebooks and a pencil



Chrissy Robinson
Reporter

Sitting in Spanish class watching *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, I wonder to myself if every person in China can fly with incredible ease.

Would that not be awesome if Chinese people could fly? The ladder industry would fail, though. I would hate to be a ladder maker in China if all the people could fly. I would go bankrupt. Well, it would not matter anyway, because China is communist. The government would own my ladders. I would have to leave and move somewhere else where the government did not own my ladders and people could not fly.

But what if everyone in the world could fly? Then what would I do? I would have to find a new profession. Maybe I could be a shoemaker. I could make shoes for all the people in the world. I would make boots, sneakers and sandals. I would not make flip-flops, though. Those are illegal in school and can get you expelled. I do not want to get anyone expelled.

Wait; that will not work. If everyone in the world could fly then why would they need shoes? They can just fly all over. They would not need socks either. What would the world do with all the socks and shoes? Maybe we could give all the unused socks and shoes to helpless and unwanted puppies at the humane shelter. They would be a little bit happier then.

Would flying be exclusively for people though? Would the little puppies not inherit the delicate art of flying? If people could fly and puppies could fly then I would be a "flying puppy leash maker." That would be good for flying puppy owners. They could go for a walk (or fly) with their flying puppies, and the flying puppies would not fly away. They would be restrained by durable nylon. No little flying children would be sad, because their flying puppies flew away.

I would make millions on my leashes. They would come in a massive amount of vivid colors. I would have pastels, neons and patterns so whatever type of personality your flying puppy has, there will be a leash that mirrors it.

Because I will want to cash in on every possible opportunity, I will also create mix-and-match helmets to go along with the leashes. The flying children and flying puppies will be able to look great and be in style while protecting their little flying craniums.

This is my plan to rule the world.

Chelsi Altman
Reporter

For some students, art can be a nuisance and a very unnecessary subject; for others, it is the key to their expression and their life. Art is something that comes in many forms, which is no exception when speaking of high school student artists everywhere.

"It's individual expression. It's your voice," said Art Teacher, Bruce Massoth.

In his 30 years of educating students on the fundamentals of art, Massoth has seen his students develop their talents and become the skilled artists that they are today.

"I've had students who are now art teachers," said Massoth. "Two or three [of my students] have opened art galleries. I had a student whose now president of the art league."

During his 30 years of teaching, students have shown Massoth the many different styles of the popular artwork in past decades.

"It's not so much their

individual style as it is popular art. You saw way back it was the peace signs and then it was the 'Simpsons'."

Now in year 2003, art students are found everywhere and not always in a typical art class. Each student expresses his or her individuality through both a pencil and paper or even with a canvas.

Before many of the students begin to create their works of art, some need to be influenced by other things before they can get the complete idea.

"Mostly, I get my ideas from musical bands, and it depends on my mood," said freshman Adam Logsdon.

Logsdon is one of the many individually talented artists at North Side High School and has been an artist for awhile.

"I've been drawing all my life," said Logsdon. "[I was influenced] from TV and seeing the shows and cartoons and some of my mom's old artwork."

After high school is over for Logsdon, he plans to use his artistic talent for future

plans and goals.

"I want to make art for charities and just make some big bucks," said Logsdon.

Unlike Logsdon, some students were not influenced by anything before they discovered their talent.

"[I have been an artist] for a long time," said freshman Marvin Beard. "I just found out I was good at it."

Beard claims that his artistic ability did not come from any influences, but instead it came from himself.

"I just knew how to do it," said Beard.

With art classes now becoming a rarity in schools across the country, the chances of student artists getting properly taught are decreasing.

"I think it is obviously a tragedy," said Massoth. "You have to educate the entire student. You'd leave a hole in their education."

With whatever happens to the courses in this area, a lot of the students will still remain the same and carry out their dreams of becoming full-time artists. One thing that will always be associated with art, however, is time.



EXPRESSING HIS ARTISTIC abilities junior, Eric Frank works on his art project in art teacher Bruce Massoth's art class. Students in this class are able to express themselves in several different forms of artwork.

Photo by: Chrissy Robinson



LISTEN TO THIS, a common heard phrase around the lunch table. Although, some students try not to give in to gossiping about their friends sometimes it is virtually impossible. Junior Madison Kerby said, "Gossip is the easiest way to mess up a friendship."

Photo by: Chrissy Robinson

Hard day's night

Students work to keep money at hand

Jamie Whitehead
Reporter

Working, studying and being attentive in school is hard to do; 34.7% of American teenagers feel that they can handle it. The number of working teens increases every year. Some students like their jobs such as sophomore Christopher Casiano, who said,

"Yes, its fun, and I get along with everyone there."

Not only does the teenager's co-workers determine how well they like their job but so does the pay. The average wage for working teens is \$5.75 an hour. A couple of the students here have it good. Senior Alex Reche makes \$6.75 an hour but said,

"I think that 20 or 25 dollars is a realistic pay for teen workers."

Also junior Micah Churchward makes an average of \$7.00 an hour.

Although students try to find the best job they can while in school, they have many more aspirations for themselves. Reche said,

"I want to be a rock star

because of the ladies," Casiano, on a more serious note, said.

"Working in a zoo would be my ideal job, because I love animals."

Teenagers in the work force can be looked at in two different perspectives. One is from the eyes of the teens that believe that having a job is good because it puts extra money in their pockets, and they feel that they can handle all of the responsibilities that it may bring. The other is from the adults who are looking at them thinking that it is too difficult for a teen to balance work, all of their other responsibilities, and still do the best job they can in school.

The world is changing. The rate of working teens is increasing. Predicted by the United States Department of Labor, this rate will continue to increase for years to come.

Students that feel they can balance school, work, and their personal life, then should go for it. There are many perks in having a job. As for Churchward, she said,

"The chips and salsa," is all it takes for her to keep on going.

NOT QUITE THAT YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

Seven hyped teenagers, ■ Buick, a Saturn, and just over eight hundred miles of rainy, therefore slippery highway, set the scene as senior Abbi Demaree's spring break began this year.

There are many things that could go wrong on a road trip.

Getting lost is a popular occurrence among student and families of Redskins. Sophomore Beth Hamilton said,

"Last October when we went, on a trip we couldn't find the hotel. Eventually we found another hotel and stopped to ask for directions."

"We lost our way, be-

cause we took the wrong exit," said Chan Kyaw.

Another common predicament is when groups of people get separated from each other. Senior Brendan Hammons said,

"Every time I go somewhere, I get separated from everyone and get lost."

"My parents left me in Maine," said sophomore Joey Waters.

Children can also cause a trip to become long and tiring. Car tunes, license plate games, continuous arguing, and constant questions about whether or not the trip is or is not nearly over can easily get on a driver's nerves.

Some trips just go better than others. There are, however, some days that the

trouble making, pain-in-the-butt called Murphy must simply enforce his law and make every poor soul involved miserable. Junior Richard Smith has had such a day on the road. Smith said,

"The first thing that happened was as we got onto I-69 the rear tire blew. We fixed that and went on. Not very far later the van died. It was either the battery or the alternator. About halfway there, the van overheated. Then as we were almost to where we were going, the back tire blew again."

Car accidents also happen.

On the next car trip, tell Murphy to go away, to keep his law to himself, and to leave the vehicle alone.

Heard it through the grapevine'

Amanda Fromm
Reporter

Hearing things through the grapevine and all of the "he said, she said" talk has been around for many years, but no one has felt the full extent of rumors and gossip until the rumors are about or directed to a certain person.

Imagine sitting with a group of people from all walks of life and losing a close friend the exact same night for that reason. Many different, unexpected situations like this happen every day that hurt people for no apparent reason or logical cause. Missy Crismore, junior, said,

"I felt really upset, because I had just lost my best friend over something that wasn't a big issue."

Gossip and rumors have different affects on different

people. Rather it be cracking on someone, or someone cracking on someone else- it all hurts.

"I had spread some rumors about someone, and I was surprised and shocked that I was doing that. At the same time I felt really bad," said Jenny Garcia, sophomore.

nurse's office for smelling really bad and I thought that it was funny."

Many people think that gossip is a bad thing. To others, gossip is the main focus of their lives. Take James Robinson, sophomore, for instance. Robinson loves to be gossiped about. He is the "biggest player" [someone who has many female associates].

Robinson said, "Knowing I'm the biggest player at North Side makes me feel good. All of the rookies look up to me, and I love it when people talk about me like that."

While walking down the halls and someone points with a huge grin on their face, be cautious because that could be the next target to fall into the deep, dark holes of the gossip world.

"Gossip is when you hear something you like about someone you don't."

-Earl Wilson

"I felt very mad, because there was no need for people to talk about me or spread rumors about me," said Destiny Lamousin, sophomore.

Others do not have that

sense of conscience. Heather Stutz, sophomore, said,

"I sent someone to the

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Parting
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Sonja Biberstine
Reporter

As the end of the school year draws closer, the words of William Shakespeare become more and more accurate, and you tend to think about how it will be different next year, and how much you will miss the seniors that are currently part of your everyday life.

The *Northerner* staff is more like a huge family than a group of students and an adviser. Not only are we forced to work together, but we also laugh and argue with each other. Being part of the staff is like having eleven more sisters, three more brothers, and a second mom.

Therefore this year's graduation feels like I'm losing a brother and a sister. The two seniors on the staff are Andy Milentis, News Editor, and Ashley Alfeld, Editor-in-Chief.

Both have been on the staff for three years. Milentis started as a reporter, and then moved on to become the Sports Editor last year. This year he has put together the front page, making the newspaper look read-worthy. Alfeld too started as a reporter. She then moved on to Features Editor, which was followed by Editor-in-Chief. This year, she has been in charge of "overseeing the work process" and making sure the paper is as close to perfect as possible.

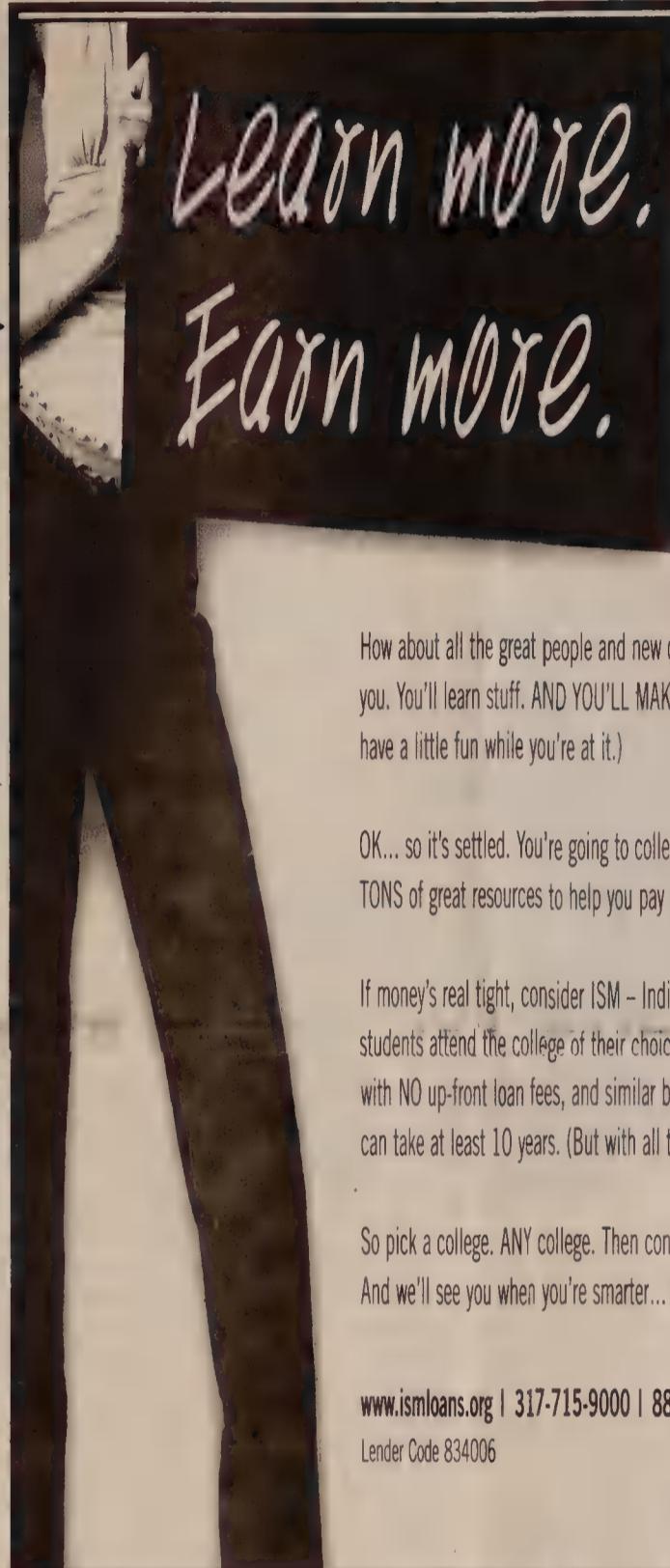
Milentis was and is a reliable source for advice and refreshers about the rules of journalism and grammar. He also shows interest in the writing of other staff members.

Not only has Alfeld helped with newspaper advice, but she has also provided a great friendship and advice on life in general.

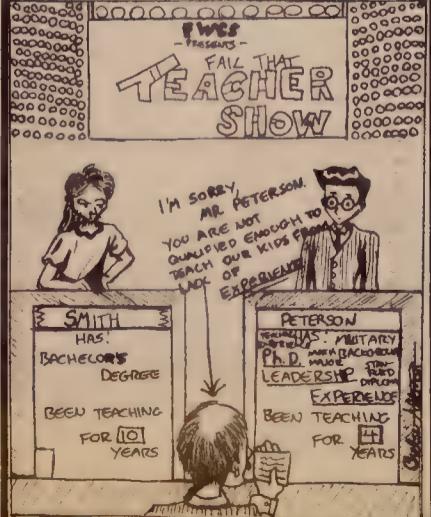
As these two go on in life, Alfeld toward a career in the medical field and Milentis possibly in the journalism department, I wish them the best of luck, hope that all their dreams come true, and pray they do not forget all the little people on who they had a big influence.

And to all the seniors who are graduating and leaving behind close friends, keep the words of C.S. Lewis in mind, but not to the exact. Lewis said

"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."



The Northerners
By
Chelsi Altman



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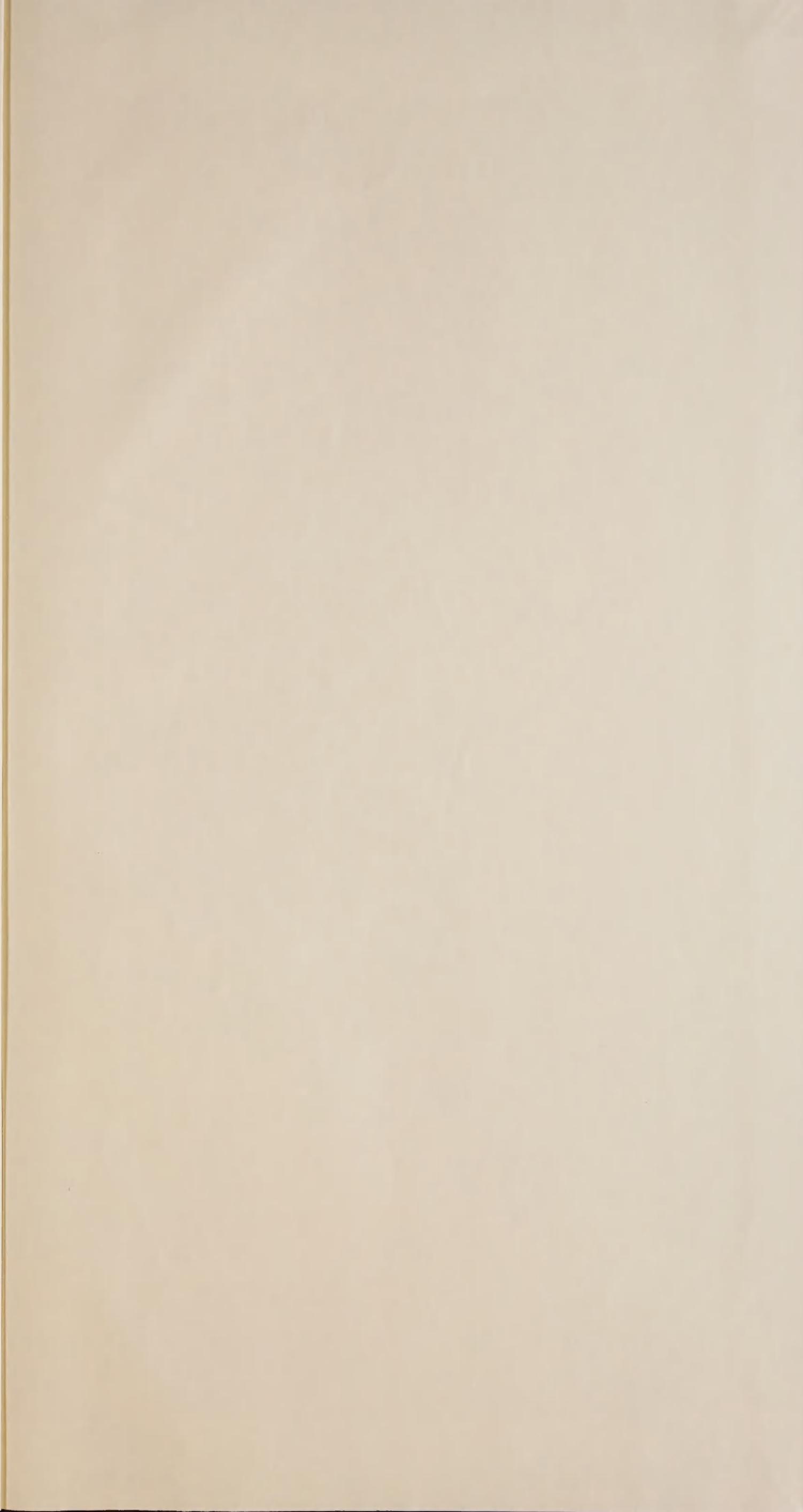


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